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Port Almanac—March 31.

Sun Rises	5.48 A M
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High Water at Wilmington	8 08 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU.
WILMINGTON, N. C., March 31.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 60°; 8 p. m., 68°; maximum, 68°; minimum, 53°; mean, 60°.

Rainfall for the day, 3; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 1.18.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., March 31.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 7 5 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina: Local showers with partly cloudy weather; easterly to southerly winds.

OUTLINES.

At a caucus of the Republican members of the Senate steps were taken for filling committee vacancies; a combination was made with certain Populists whereby they will vote with the Republicans on the question of reorganization. —— The Senate concurred in House amendments to the joint resolution appropriating $250,000 to aid in protecting life and property in the flooded district. —— Firebugs are at work in Portsmouth, Va.; three attempts at incendiarism were discovered Monday night; the destructive fire Sunday morning is now positively known to have been of incendiary origin. —— Two banks were robbed in Illinois, the thieves securing $400 from one and $3,000 from the other. —— There were five attempts at incendiarism, four of them successful, at Altoona, Pa., Monday night. —— Three persons were suffocated to death during a fire in New York. —— Corbett says he will keep after Fitzsimmons until he is afforded another opportunity of regaining his lost laurels. —— The break in the levee ten miles below Greenville, Miss., is the worst that has occurred so far; the inhabitants are fleeing for their lives, leaving all behind; live stock are drowning by the thousand and houses and barns are being washed away; a man and his two sons were drowned while attempting to save stock; at Cairo, Ill., the river fell two-tenths of an inch, and at St. Louis it rose about six inches; the historic plantations of Jefferson Davis and his brother, Joseph Davis, are doomed to destruction. —— It is reported that Russia has refused to take part in blockading the ports of Greece. —— Crown Prince Constantine has assumed command of the Greek troops in Thessaly. —— Captain Reed, of the scurvy-infected ship T. F. Oakes, has been arrested in New York charged with withholding suitable food from members of his crew, —— New York markets: Money on call easy at 1½@1¾ per cent., last loan at 1¾ per cent., closing offered at 1¾ per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 7 5-16c; Southern flour was quoted unchanged—common to fair extra $3 20@3 50, good to choice $3 60@4 00; wheat—spot market was dull and lower with options closing firm; No. 2 red March 81c; corn—spot dull and scarce; No. 2 30½c at elevator and 31½c afloat; rosin steady, with a moderate demand and unchanged; strained common to good $1 65@1 67½; spirits turpentine quiet, steady and unchanged at 29½@29¾c.

It is reported that Gladstone has learned to ride the bicycle. This is another proof that the G. O. M. is bound to be on top.

The ostrich has been acclimatized in Southern Russia. He doesn't, like the African bird, mind a little cold, and grows plumes just as nice.

Four beet sugar manufactories will be started in Iowa this year, and it is predicted by some of the Iowa papers that ten more will be started next year.

"When the time shall arrive for dealing with Trusts," remarks Mr. Dingley, "the Republicans will deal with the issue." In the usual way help 'em along.

An Austrian statesman wants the Christian religion abolished in that Empire so they may go back to the worship of the Teuton gods. But that is too tonic for even Teutons.

The STAR is under obligations to Senator Daniel, of Virginia, for a copy of his able and eloquent speech on the resolution demanding the release of Julio Sanguily, then a prisoner in a Cuba jail, but since released.

THE MORNING STAR.

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There has been a good deal of doubt about it but Mrs. Besant clears it up when she explains: "The aura is a color effect resultant from the vibration of waves of psyshic ether, emanating from the soul of the individual." As they say about some of the inventions, this is so simple the wonder is that somebody didn't discover it long ago.

The Tennessee man who shot a dog, shot the owner in explaining how it was done and in explaining how that was done he shot the coroner. He is now out on bail until he explains his explanations to the satisfaction of the court, which will probably take the precaution to see that the gun is not loaded.

One of twelve boys, bitten by a rabid dog in Scranton, Pa., died in great agony a few days ago. Nine physicians in attendance pronounced it a genuine case of hydrophobia. That Washington doctor who doesn't believe in hydrophobia might get some points by conferring with some of these doctors.

The Des Moines, Iowa, *Register* was probably trying to get the bulge on some of its contemporaries when it said: "We have added $146,000,000 to our supply of cash during the past year." We wouldn't on the strength of this advise young men who have an ambition to become rich, to rush West and start newspapers.

According to the New York *Advertiser*, there are over a thousand teachers in the public schools of that city who receive less pay for their services than the elevator boys in the employ of the city. Perhaps the calling of the elevator boy is considered more elevating than that of teacher, although he has his up and downs.

It is said that President McKinley is going to restore the consul fees cut down by Secretary Olney, so that cousin Wm. Osborne may get a pull at $30,000 a year in Paris, instead of the beggarly $12,000 allowed under Secretary Olney's cut down.

An Oklahoma editor is hiding in the woods, all because he wrote something about a female bicyclist "losing her path and wandering in the woods" and the stupid compositor made him say she lost her "pants." He is hiding till her rage subsides.

Representative Walker, of Massachusetts, has "by request" introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue 2½ per cent. bonds, to retire the outstanding notes of the Government. That is about as far as that bill will get.

If the Supreme Court had rendered its railroad decision before the election, perhaps some of the railroad men would not have looked upon the supporters of Mr. Bryan, who questioned the correctness of its income tax decision, as "anarchists."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. W. SANDERS—This week.
CRONLY & MORRIS—Apples at auction
CRONLY & MORRIS—Underwriter's sale

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

FOR SALE—High-grade bicycle.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. M. L. Ham, of Morven, was here yesterday.

— Mr. W. S. Boney, of Wallace, was on our streets yesterday.

— Mr. D. L. Boney, of Clinton, was a caller at this office yesterday.

— Mr. W. T. Hollowell, of Goldsboro, was registered here yesterday.

— Capt. V. V. Richardson, of Whiteville, was observed on our streets yesterday.

— Mr. C. C. Pridgen, of Mount Tabor, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

— Messrs. E. F. Davis and E. D. Guthrie, of Southport, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. N. A. Currie, a successful young merchant of Clarkton, was in our city yesterday.

— Mr. W. Buckner, route agent of the Southern Express Company, was one of yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. Samuel Hudson, of the U. S. Revenue Service, is in the city again after having spent Sunday at Pollocksville.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— Lenten services at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church to-night at 8 o'clock.

— Recent frosts, it is said, have killed all the fruit except apples in the Fayetteville section.

— A fresh coat of paint lately applied improves the appearance of the A. C. L. waiting room considerably.

— The Robert Portner Brewing Company are erecting an ice plant for the use of their agency at Charlotte.

— Commencing to-morrow Elder D. M. Hudler, of Muscatine, Iowa, will deliver a series of lectures at the Opera House, and a small fee of admission will be charged to defray expenses.

— The United States revenue cutter *Morrill* arrived in port yesterday after several days' absence, having touched at Charleston and other points. She will take on here supplies of coal, water and provisions.

— The receipts of cotton here yesterday were very light, being only 8 bales. The corresponding day of last year showed receipts of 32 bales. The local market yesterday closed at 7 cents per pound for middling, against 7⅛ cents on the same day of 1896.

Both Parties Fined.

Two hours and a half were consumed yesterday in the Police Court in the case of Mr. Harvey Cox and Mr. E. F. Hanna, charged with an affray on the 25th of the present month. Both gentlemen are agents of rival insurance companies, which was the cause of the fight. Mr. Cox is a local agent of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, and Mr. Hanna is local agent of the Immediate Benefit Association of Baltimore, Md. The defendants engaged in a discussion in regard to their respective companies, which resulted in Mr. Cox beating Mr. Hanna. After hearing the evidence Mayor Wright held that they were both guilty, as Mr. Hanna had used language calculated to bring about a fight. Each of the defendants were fined two dollars and costs. Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq., and D. B. Sutton, Esq., represented Mr. Hanna and Herbert McClammy, Esq., appeared for Mr. Cox.

Cured of Blindness.

Few people perhaps can appreciate the beauties of nature and the wonders of man's handiwork as a young man who recently received his sight at the Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore, Md., after a life-long blindness. He is a North Carolinian named Thomas Blue and lives at Hoffman, Richmond county.

He went to the hospital two weeks ago totally blind. When he left on Sunday last he could see better than a great many people and had the prospect of constant improvement. Before leaving he visited the physicians who had been instrumental in restoring his eyesight and expressed in fervent language his gratitude for all that they had done for him.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—8 bales cotton, 4 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—5 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 67 bbls rosin, 48 bbls tar, 3 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—2 casks spirits turpentine, 13 bbls tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—8 casks spirits turpentine, 122 bbls rosin, 94 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 8 bales; spirits turpentine, 18 casks; rosin, 189 bbls; tar, 159 bbls; crude turpentine, 3 bbls.

Funeral of Mrs. Clara H. Hobbs.

Mrs. Clara H. Hobbs died at her residence No. 208 Wooster street at 3 o'clock Monday morning. She had been ill with paralysis for two weeks. The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. T. H. Sutton officiating. Messrs. E. J. Littleton, J. W. Hewitt, B. A. McClammy, F. A. Montgomery, M. Marshburn, and C. W. McClammy were the pall bearers.

New Distillery.

Deputy Revenue Collector W. T. Caho, of Newbern, arrived in the city yesterday. He leaves this morning for Town Creek, Brunswick county, where he will make a survey for a new distillery to be operated by Mr. L. D. Bradshaw.

Rev. Jos. R. Wilson.

The Richmond *State* says: "The Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., who has been Dr. Kerr's guest for several months, left this morning for Durham, N. C., where he has engaged to preach a month for Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., who is now travelling in Egypt. Dr. Wilson is stated clerk and treasurer of the Southwestern Presbyterian General Assembly."

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents tf

— Mr. E. M. Hobbs, manager of the Murphy House at Clinton, was among the visitors at this office yesterday.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S HOMICIDE.

Testimony Before Coroner's Jury Concluded—The Verdict.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the coroner's jury, which has been holding an inquest over the body of Walter Pembleton, reassembled at the Court House and resumed the hearing of the testimony in the case. After all the evidence was given the jury returned the following verdict: That the deceased, Walter Pembleton, came to his death from a gunshot wound in the head at the hands of Simon Prince or Henry Shepard.

The first testimony considered yesterday morning was the report of Dr. J. C. Shepard, Superintendent of Health, which was as follows:

Gentlemen of the Jury of Inquest:

On yesterday, the 28th day of March, I examined the dead body of a colored man in the city of Wilmington, whose name I understood to be Walter Pembleton. I found the cause of death to be a gun-shot wound in the head, located in the forehead above the left eye; the ball was located six inches from the orifice of the wound, having passed directly through the brain and lodging in the back part of the same.

The first witness examined was Josephine Pigford, colored, who testified as follows: Saturday night I was at my house on Chadbourn Hill. Between 10 and 11 o'clock some one knocked at the door of the house, which is rented by Ellen Moseley. When we opened the door Will Lord was standing outside. Lord asked Ed. Mosely, who was inside, to step outside the house. Moseley went out and Lord asked him to loan him a hat. Moseley enquired of Lord what was the matter, and Lord replied that the "niggers were shooting and raising the devil over at Mary Houston's house." Moseley then asked him if any body was hurt, and Lord said not that he knew of, but that he didn't take time to see. Later in the night, about 12 o'clock, Lee Blocker, colored, came to my house, and I asked him what was the matter, to which he replied that there was nothing the matter. I asked him if he had been on the hill, and he replied that he had. I then asked him if it was so about a man being killed, and he said it was certainly so; it was Walter Pembleton, who worked on the section. I asked him where Pembleton was shot and who shot him. He replied that he (Pembleton) was shot over the left eye, but he did not know who shot him. He also stated that the house (where the killing occurred) was full of people and mentioned the names of Will Townsend, Jim Townsend and Floyd Cole. Sunday night Will Townsend came over home and I asked him if he was at Mary Houston's Saturday night. He said he was and when I asked him what he did when the shooting took place, he said he couldn't get out of the house; that he held the lamp until the man fell and then he threw it in the fireplace and jumped out of the window. Mary Houston and Jim Whitley live in the house where the killing occurred, and I know the house is kept to gamble in. I was in the house a week ago Saturday night, and gambled with Walter Pembleton and Mary Houston in a two-cent "skin" game. Jim Whitley was standing at a table cutting cards for a ten and fifteen cent "skin" game. Mary Houston was cutting the cards in the game I was in. Geo. Acker and Frank Hamer, both colored, were also in the house. Acker was playing with Whitley, but Hamer was broke and could not play.

Frank Hamer, colored, was the next witness and he testified: I was at Jim Whitley's house Saturday night a week ago. I was doing nothing. I didn't have any money to gamble with. Several people were at a table in the room, but I don't know who they were. I saw them have a pack of cards and supposed they were playing, but I didn't see any money. Mary Houston, Simon Prince and Jim Whitley were in the house. I have gambled in the house, but I don't know whether the people there that night were gambling. When employed I work at Messrs. Powers & Gibbs' guano factory.

Wm. Lord, colored, who was in the house when the altercation between Prince and Shepard commenced, was next examined and gave in his testimony as follows: I went to Jim Whitley's house Saturday night about 7 o'clock and found Simon Prince, Jim Whitley, Walter Pembleton and Henry Shepard there, all sitting down and talking. Prince said to Shepard, "Why in the h—l don't you pay me?" and Shepard replied, "I will never do it." Prince said, "If you don't pay me I will shoot h—l out of you!" and Shepard answered, "I can shoot as well as you," and pulled a pistol out of his pocket. Prince drew his pistol and the two men walked towards each other. Prince again said to Shepard, "Why in the h——l don't you pay me? I loaned you the money when you needed it." Shepard said, "I will never pay you until I get ready," and Prince then repeated, "If you don't pay me I will shoot h——l out of you." They once more commenced to walk towards each other and I said, "I believe those d——n negroes are going to shoot," and I went out of the room. When I rushed out the door two or three people ran out behind me. I heard the firing of a pistol as I was going out the door, and in my flight dropped my hat. I started back after it, but hearing the firing I wouldn't go. I went to Ed. Moseley's house and borrowed a hat. There was no gambling going on in the house Saturday night. When the fuss commenced Prince was sitting by the window and Shepard by the door. I have seen gambling going on in the house and I have seen Walter Pembleton gambling.

Grace Church Workers.

A meeting of the Grace Church Workers will be held immediately after prayer meeting to-night in the lecture room. Members of the church and congregation are specially invited to attend in order to hear the reports and see what is being done.

THREE CARGOES.

THE LAURADA, THE THREE FRIENDS AND THE BERMUDA.

Gen. Roloff's Strategy—One Cargo Reported Captured by the Spaniards and Recaptured by the Cubans.

[*New York Journal.*]

The Cuban Junta in New York received the news yesterday that three filibustering expeditions had landed munitions of war in Cuba successfully.

It was the best news for the insurgent cause that has been heard in months. It means that there are now four million cartridges in the hands of the patriots, who have been sadly handicapped because of a lack of ammunition.

LAURADA AND THREE FRIENDS.

The most important of the expeditions were those of the *Laurada* and the *Three Friends*. Both vessels have been having fun with the Spanish that will add a humorous chapter to the history of free Cuba when it is written. And of all the *Laurada's* jokes on Weyler her last one is the best.

She landed at Bane's wharf and that is just opposite a fortress. The details of how this was accomplished have not been received, but New York Cubans believe General Roloff, who was in command of the expedition, must have carried out some strategy that was most remarkable.

The *Laurada's* cargo consisted of 3,016 rifles, 136 cases of explosives, 4 guns and 3,000,000 cartridges. Her trip was a bold one from the start. Early in March she left her dock in Baltimore, ostensibly for Philadelphia. The Pinkertons were watching her, and when she sailed the Philadelphia office of the detective bureau kept a lookout.

DETECTIVES OUTWITTED.

They waited till the *Laurada* should have appeared and then sent the tug *Protector*, with three detectives on board, for the Cuban joker. They sailed to the neighborhood off Barnegat, and after waiting a day located the *Laurada* several miles off shore.

They saw Captain Johnny O'Brien—Dynamite Johnny—clamber on board from a schooner, and if the Pinkertons had been there long enough they might have witnessed the transfer of the cargo just landed in Cuba from the barge *Joseph H.* and the schooner *Donna Driggs* to the deck of the *Laurada*.

By the time the detectives discovered the *Laurada's* strategy, however, she was ready to sail. The big *Protector* came to New York, telegrams were flashed to Washington and the revenue cutter *Barnegat* started out to see what mischief the *Laurada* was up to, but by that time the filibuster was well on her way.

The expedition of the *Three Friends*, according to information received here, was landed at Marianao by Perez Carbo.

LARGE AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES.

The cargo consisted of 6,000 rifles and 600,000 cartridges. There were in addition a number of volunteers for the Cuban cause.

The *Three Friends* sailed from one of the keys of the Florida coast. The munitions had been stored on Rodriguez Key, a small island ninety miles south of Cape Florida, to which they were sent in small quantities in catboats that were supposed to be on fishing trips. The Spanish spies were near at hand, but never guessed that the *Three Friends* was playing another trick on the Dons.

After the *Three Friends* departed, two Government detectives and a special agent of the Treasury sailed for the Cape, but failed to get a trace of the filibuster or any who helped fit her out.

THE THIRD EXPEDITION.

The third expedition was landed by Emilo Nunez on March 21st at Madriel. It is thought that the vessel may be the *Bermuda*, whose movements have been a mystery since she left a Brooklyn dock several months ago, ostensibly to go to Halifax.

Rumors are current at Key West that when the filibuster landed at Mariel she was attacked by a Spanish force, which was lying in ambush. The report has it that there was sharp firing on both sides; that several Cubans were killed and the munitions seized, but afterward recaptured by the Cuban body that came to the aid of the filibusters. It is stated that the Spanish then retreated, but that two gunboats arrived in time to fire several futile shots at the filibuster as she sailed away.

CUBAN BONDS DEFRAYED EXPENSES.

Two tugs, believed to be the *Samson* and *Monarch*, are said to have aided the filibusters.

The money with which the Junta fitted out the *Laurada* and other recent expeditions was derived chiefly from the sale of Cuban bonds, which have been on the market now nearly a year. These bonds are to-day selling at a higher rate than Spanish bonds, and bankers as a rule favor the Cuban securities.

The Cuban bond issuance of a year ago has not all been disposed of by the Junta. Two million or thereabouts still remain unsold. Care is taken by the Cubans to prevent the bonds falling into the hands of a set or clique of financiers, who might operate to the disparagement of the securities.

Appreciates Their Services.

The STAR publishes with pleasure the following letter of thanks to Chief Newman and the Fire Department for their valuable services at the fire Sunday night:

W., N. & N. R. R. CO.,
OFFICE OF RECEIVER,
WILMINGTON, N. C., March 29th, 1897.

Mr. Martin Newman, Chief Fire Department Wilmington, N. C:

DEAR SIR—Realizing how narrow an escape we had on Sunday night last with respect to our station offices from the fire which burned Messrs. Sprunt & Son's pickery and the adjoining warehouses, I ask that you will receive for yourself as head of the Fire Department of this city, and will convey to the members thereof this express on of my thanks for the valuable efforts made by you all in that emergency, and of my thorough appreciation of the promptness and efficiency of your service on that occasion, whereby we ourselves, as well as our neighbors, were doubtless saved from very much more serious loss.

Yours, very truly,
H. A. WHITING, Receiver.

Clyde Line Steamer Pawnee Takes the Place of the Oneida.

The Clyde vessels *Croatan* and *Oneida* have been making alternate weekly trips to and from Wilmington, but this week the *Pawnee*, Captain Chichester, comes in the place of the *Oneida*. For other particulars, see ad. of Clyde Steamship Company.

The *Oneida* is withdrawn for the present, undergoing repairs. She will be made larger, after which she will resume her regular trips to Wilmington.

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NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

EASTERN JUDGESHIP TO GO TO JUDGE ROBINSON.

H. C. Dockery to Be Provided For—Direct Tax Warrants—Howe Confident that He Will Be Collector of Customs at Wilmington.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 30.

The news came from Washington this morning that Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, of the Superior Court, is to be appointed Judge of the Eastern Circuit Court of the United States. The gentleman who brought this tip is close to Senator Pritchard. He says that the appointment will go either to Purnell or Robinson, and that Robinson has been recommended by Attorney General McKenna. The recommendation of the Attorney General will in all probability secure Judge Robinson the Judgeship.

The interesting information is also given that Mr. H. C. Dockery is to be appointed Marshal of this district, and not J. B Hill, as was commonly supposed. Governor Russell has taken Claude Dockery into his wing of the party, and Pritchard, it is said, is desirous of recognizing the Dockerys.

Dr. H. C. Herring, of Concord, is appointed a director of the Morganton Deaf and Dumb Institution. The other directors will be appointed right away. The Governor desires the Board to meet April 1st, at Morganton, and organize. It is said a clean sweep will be made in the institution.

At the executive office this morning warrants were being issued to those applicants who had made application for direct taxes prior to March 9d. When these warrants have been issued the direct tax matter will be closed.

Representative Howe was here to-day on his way from Washington. He is confident that he will be appointed Collector of Customs at Wilmington.

Governor Russell's friends say that he has won every fight that he has entered into since he became Governor of the Commonwealth. That the Governor has had his way no one denies. The fact that he himself has been Governor has caused many people much worry.

The case in which the two Boards of the Central Insane Asylum are contesting for supremacy will come up before Judge Adams in this city April 10th. Counsel for both sides agreed to this this morning. It is a "case agreed."

HIS REMAINS BROUGHT HERE.

Mr. E. T. Coghill's to Be Interred This Afternoon.

[*Richmond Dispatch 30th.*]

The remains of Mr. E. T. Coghill, formerly of this city, who died in Wilmington, N. C., Sunday morning, arrived here yesterday afternoon under escort of Col. W. J. Woodward, of Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, accompanied by Lieut. H. D. Burkheimer, of Zeb Vance Division, of Wilmington, and William C. Smith and J. D. Kelley, of Stonewall Lodge, K. of P. Mr. Coghill was a past chancellor of Stonewall Lodge and a member of Zeb Vance Division.

The deceased was taken down with a congestive chill on last Friday a week ago, after which brain fever set in, from which he died on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Coghill, the widow, and three children; Mrs. Burkheimer, Mrs. Talley and Miss Ollie Besset also accompanied the remains.

A detachment of Syracuse Division, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, met the body at the Byrd Street depot and acted as an escort therefor to the residence of Mr. Foulkes, No. 895 North Twenty-sixth street.

The funeral will take place from Mr. Foulkes' residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock, Syracuse Division, of this city, acting as escort to the cemetery.

Deceased was for a long time a member of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Apples at Auction.

THIS MORNING AT 10.30 O'CLOCK WE will sell in front of the office of Mr. W. P. Oldham, Dock street, 60 Barrels Baldwin Apples, in lots to suit, and to be paid for as delivered.
CRONLY & MORRIS,
mar 31 1t Auctioneers.

Underwriter's Sale.

THIS DAY AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON, WE WILL sell at public auction, by order of the Underwriter, for account of all concerned, to the highest bidder, upon the spot, a lot of Damaged Cottos, resulting from the fire on Sunday night last, at the foot of Walnut street, behind the office of the Wilmington, Newbern & Norfolk Railroad Co. Terms cash, and Cotton to be immediately removed outside of city limits by order of Chief of Fire Department.
CRONLY & MORRIS,
mar 31 1t Auctioneers.

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Executrix Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS EXECUTRIX of the last Will and Testament of John Maunder, deceased, I hereby notify all persons indebted to my said testator to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom my said testator is indebted will present their claims to me before the 25th day of February, 1898, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This the 30th day of February, 1897.
MARTHA F. MAUNDER, Executrix.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney.
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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 31

FRAUDULENT PLEAS OF THE WOOL MEN.

We published a few days ago an editorial on the clash between the wool growers and the wool manufacturers, growing out of the demand to have wool restored to the dutiable list, which the manufacturers did not want, but to which they assented when given a compensating duty on imported woollens. The manufacturers, with perhaps a few exceptions, were not agitating for an increase of tariff duties and would have been very well satisfied with the present arrangement, free wool enabling them to compete with the wool weavers of other countries, but when deprived of free wool they fell back on protection, the legalized way of taking money out of the consumers' pocket to offset the increase in the price of wool resulting from putting it again on the dutiable list. In this matter the manufacturer and the wool-grower was each pulling for himself, each showed his selfishness, for neither cared how it fared with the other, provided his interests were subserved.

The Boston *Commercial Bulletin*, which speaks for the woollen manufacturers, is no very great admirer of Judge Lawrence, who presides over the American Wool Growers' Association, and has little sympathy with the demands which Judge Lawrence makes for protection. In the issue for last week it published an editorial devoted mainly to Judge Lawrence and his scheming, which we here re-produce because it is from an organ of the manufacturers, and shows the opinion held by a strong protection paper of the methods resorted to accomplish the schemes that interested parties plan, each working for himself and his own gain, although in doing so he may cripple kindred industries. Under the heading "Save Protection from Its Friends," the *Commercial Bulletin* says:

There is not a manufacturer, there is no sensible man in the United States who can argue for a duty on goods without a duty on wool. It is utterly illogical.

Equally illogical is the demand for a duty on wool so high as to excite bitter opposition to the whole principle of protection.

Judge Lawrence, President of the National Association of Wool Growers, is the champion of the extremists. He has been asking for duties above even the McKinley schedule.

A sample of Judge Lawrence's reasoning on the subject of the wool tariff is the following from the *American* of March 13th:

"The Boston *Commercial Bulletin* of February 27th says that South American cross-bred wool is being largely sold in the United States, and that:

'One of the buyers boasted that his ⅜ blood crossbreds would cost him but 26¼ cents clean (scoured) at his mill, and he did not exaggerate.'

Every pound of this, with its light shrinkage, will supplant two pounds of unwashed merino; and it will require three pounds of average unwashed American merino to make one clean, or scoured pound. Hence the free wool price per pound of South American and Cape merino in competition with the crossbred would be only one-third of 26¼, or 8 83 cents in Boston, leaving farm or ranch value for this merino, without tariff, only at most 6 cents per pound."

The quotation is accurate. Now for the facts.

(1) South American crossbred does not displace "merino." It is called crossbred in European classification to distinguish it from fine merino. It competes not even with Ohio or Michigan X or with fine or fine medium territory.

It is not a fine but a medium ⅜ and ¼ blood combining and does compete with Kentucky, Maine, Missouri and Indiana medium staple.

(2) This wool shrinks about forty per cent. One pound of it yields just about six-tenths of a pound of scoured. There is not a single ¼ blood or ⅜ blood combing raised in Maine, Indiana, Missouri or Kentucky that yields, as Judge Lawrence pretends, but three-tenths of a pound of scoured or anything like so small an amount.

(3) The Free Wool price of this crossbred, from sales recorded in this market, is 17¼ cents to arrive and 19 cents on spot. If American buyers can get it, as Judge Lawrence claims, for 8 83 cents, it is strange that they should have paid 17¼ cents last week.

(4.) Not one single variety of Missouri, Indiana, Maine or Kentucky ¼ and ⅜ blood wool, which does compete with this wool, has ever sold, even under Free Wool, at 6 cents a pound or anything like it.

Missouri ¼ blood last week brought 19 cents under Free Wool in this market in competition with this very South American. The American brings, not the same, as Judge Lawrence supposes, but a higher scoured value under Free Wool than the South American.

In two brief sentences Judge Lawrence has managed to pack four grossly false statements. The reason is that he knows nothing whatever about foreign wools or their grades or which American wools they displace. He argues wholly from supposition when it is perfectly possible for him to obtain the facts.

Yet this is the man who holds such absolute control of four Senators that he can blockade legislation and place upon the statute books the one tariff schedule which, more than any other, furnished the arguments for the Free Trade victory of 1892.

It is better that the tariff should be too high than too low, but it is a pity that it should be either.

The first two paragraphs in this quoted article are well taken, and they are sound, but they apply not only to wool, as they are intended by the writer to apply, but to the whole tariff system. The woollen manufacturer cannot consistently nor logically demand protection for himself without conceding it to the wool-grower, and the wool-grower cannot consistently nor logically demand protection on wool without conceding it to the manufacturer.

Following the same line of reasoning the cotton manufacturer cannot demand protection on cotton fabrics without conceding protection to the cotton grower, and the cotton grower cannot demand it without conceding it to the cotton manufacturer.

The flour maker cannot demand protection on flour without conceding it to the wheat grower, and the wheat grower cannot demand it without conceding it to the flour maker.

The iron or steel manufacturer cannot demand it without conceding it to the iron miner and the iron miner cannot demand it without conceding it to the iron and steel maker.

The iron miner cannot demand it without conceding it to the coal miner and the coal miner cannot demand it without conceding it to the iron miner.

All the industries that bear the relation of manufacturer and producer of the raw material have such reciprocal interests that what affects one must affect the other, and one cannot consistently or logically demand anything that will militate against the other.

And thus it runs through the whole list where there is a manufacturer and a producer of the thing manufactured, so that when the manufacturer demands protection he should, to be consistent and logical, also demand (which he virtually does) protection to the raw material which he uses, which is equivalent to demanding legislation to increase the price to him of this material, which seems like a very unbusinesslike proceeding. But they don't do that, for in this tariff business it is all a game of grab, each for himself, each trying to get as much for himself as possible and to give as little as possible to others. It is selfishness personified, characterized by brazen pretence and hypocrisy.

MINOR MENTION.

During the tariff discussion Monday, in replying to some strictures by Eastern Republicans on the excessive cotton and woollen schedules, Mr. Dingley said: "No one, not even the critics themselves, believed that the cotton industry could thrive without the duties carried in the bill." For colossal cheek this gets away with anything we have read in a long time. Have not the New England mills, notwithstanding the hard times, been declaring dividends right along under the present tariff? Some of them may have overstocked themselves, and therefore temporarily shut down, or worked fewer hands or fewer days in the week to reduce stocks, but the tariff had nothing to do with this. It was simply a question of having on hand more goods than there was a demand for, because the people were forced to economize in their purchases, that's all. If the people had to economize with the low prices under the present tariff, what would they have done if the prices had been higher, as they would be with a higher tariff. Then the mills that found it necessary to temporarily suspend to enable the people to catch up with them would have had to suspend for much longer periods. Haven't the Southern mills prospered? If Mr. Dingley had kept up with the progress of the industry in this section, the activity that has been general while the New England mills were resting, and the new mills that are being constantly added to those in operation, he might have answered this question for himself, and not made such an absurd statement. The Southern mills kept running when the New England mills found it necessary to temporarily shut down, simply because they sold their goods cheaper, having so many advantages over the Eastern mills. This is the competition that is hurting the Eastern mills, if they are hurt, more than foreign competition. But if growing our own cotton we can't supply the home market and successfully compete with manufacturers who have to ship their cotton across the seas, then we ought to quit the business.

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Senator Allen, of Nebraska, is a Populist, and he may have some extreme and impracticable views, but he has some very orthodox opinions on the constitutional powers of Congress and constitutional limitations. The resolution which he offered in the Senate, Monday, declaring that Congress has no constitutional right to establish a tariff, the purpose of which is to benefit one class of people at the expense of others, is endorsed by thousands of people, who contend that the constitution defines the powers of Congress, and that where power is not delegated Congress has no right to exercise it, save in great emergencies, nor to give that latitudinarian construction to its language which virtually makes it null and void. The only authority under the constitution for a protective policy is found in the "general welfare clause," the stretching and the abuse of which has led to much monstrous legislation and to untold abuses. When Congress wants to do anything for which it can find no authority it takes refuge under that elastic clause and it is done. On this clause the high protective tariffs, bonus to ships, subsidies to railroads, gifts to companies, national banks, plundering pensions, special legislation for favored individuals, and much other objectionable legislation rests, all of which have cost the toiling millions of this country countless millions of dollars. But they have been working this racket ever since the Republican party first got control of the Government, and it is perhaps rather too late to call a halt or expect much of a change; certainly not while the Republican party is in power.

The New York *Advertiser* thinks that "The Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India could be in worse business than paying a social visit to an American citizen," which is true. But Mr. Astor is not an American citizen. He renounced his American citizenship and declared his allegiance to Great Britain. But the Queen didn't go to pay a social visit to him. She went to see his flowers.

It hasn't been the custom in Washington for the heads of Departments to give the newspapers for publication lists of applicants for office But Secretary Gage has made a new departure in this and does. That's right. The applicant for pie shouldn't be afraid nor ashamed to see his name in print. Besides, it will be about the only chance that some of them will ever have.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Mr. Dingley has taken a few loops in his infallibility. He has yielded to criticism to such an extent as to revise slightly his schedule of duties on art and literature.—*Norfolk Landmark, Dem.*

—— Inasmuch as about 50,000 Chicago bicyclers have announced that they will vote for the mayoralty candidate who convinces them he is one of them, there is a strong probability that the man who can show the most bruises, bumps and the crockedest back on election day will win out.—*Chicago News, Ind.*

—— Ex-President Harrison charges that the wealthy people of the United States are tax dodgers; that they do not pay taxes on their stocks and bonds and other personal property for anything like their real value. Has ex-President Harrison also begun a campaign against the rich.—*Richmond State, Dem.*

—— Speaker Reed in his interview with the Executive Committee of the Indianapolis Monetary Conference remarked that "if the people demanded changes in the banking system and brought pressure to bear on Congress they would secure the changes." The people thought that they were voicing such demand and applying such pressure when they went to the polls in November last. Is it possible that they will have to issue a second mandate in order to compel Congress to carry out their wishes?—*Phil. Record, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— "Say, some one has been again at my writing table. This always happens just as I want to do some work." "What's missing? Pen, ink, paper—" "No, no! The corkscrew

— Little Man (golf enthusiast)—Why don't you play golf?

Big Man (blaze)—Why, because I object to chasing a quinine pill around a cow pasture.—*London Tit Bits.*

— Seized Her Opening—"You," he said tentatively, "are a woman of resources." "True," she answered, "and I have concluded to husband them." However, it was too late to reach for his hat.—*New York Press.*

— An Auditor (whispering to his side partner)—"That woman has sat in front of us every night with her high hat" That Woman (indignantly)—"I beg to correct you, sir—I've worn a different hat every night."

— Dyspepsia Specialist (irritably)—But, madam, you must chew your food. What were your teeth given you for?

Female Patient (calmly)—They weren't given to me; I bought 'em.—*Odds and Ends.*

— "Gripsack has got his appetite back again."

"How did he do it?"

"Got caught in a washout, and the railroad had to pay his board for a week."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— "I desire to leave you some verse," said the advance agent of the spring poets. "Which closely follows the style of Poe's 'Raven.' When may I expect to hear from you?"

"Nevermore," quoth the editor.—*Philadelphia American.*

— "I danced before the officers of army," said the first ballet girl, as she made an in shoot with her nose. "In the Mex can or the Revolutionary war?" murmured the second ballet girl, and the manager had to call in assistance.—*Detroit Fred Press.*

— Ambassador to Turkey—But, mydear Hadji Ben Ali Pinkerton, your people are barbarious—can you deny it?

Minister of State—Perhaps, my dear ambassador—no doubt; but, after all, they don't play foot ball, you know. We shed blood for business, not for pleasure.—*Harper's Bazar.*

— Old Gotrox (indignantly)—I am surprised, sir, that you should be so destitute of all reason as to ask for my daughter's hand in marriage.

Young Hardupp—Well, you needn't be; that girl has some really fine points about eer. You don't know her as well as I do, or you would think the world of her—*Puck.*

Social Life Long Ago.

The stately dames of the court of Edward IV rose with the lark, dined at 11 a. m. and retired to rest at 8 in the evening. Henry VIII went back to 10 in the morning for dinner and had supper at 4. In Queen Bess' days her maids of honor began the day with a round of beef or red herring and a flagon of ale for breakfast at about 6:30 and dined at 11, and then went to the playhouse in the afternoon, not later than 2, sometimes as early as 12:30, according to the order of the play and the day.

Where Woman Proposes.

Between the mountains of India and Persia is a powerful tribe among whom an extraordinary custom prevails. Woman's rights have apparently received full recognition, for the ladies of the tribe can choose their own husbands. All a single woman has to do when she wishes to change her state is to send a servant to pin a handkerchief to the hat of the man on whom her fancy lights, and he is obliged to marry her, unless he can show he is too poor to purchase her at the price her father requires.

Rain That Falls.

In the Colorado desert they have rainstorms during which not a single drop of water touches the earth. The rain can be seen falling from the clouds high above the desert, but when the water reaches the strata of hot, dry air beneath the clouds it is entirely absorbed before falling half the distance to the ground.

One Hundred Doses One Dollar is peculiar to and true one only of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is economy to buy Hood's. †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Shelby *Aurora*: We notice that corn and hay is being shipped into Shelby by the car load.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The heavy frost of last night destroyed what was left of the truck buds and blooms.

— Oxford *Ledger*: Our people are getting in their cotton seed to plant. The tobacco crop will be much smaller this year in this section. It is nonsense and tomfoolery for any man to continue to make tobacco, when it takes all it brings to pay for the fertilizer that goes under it and leaves nothing for the doctor, the preacher and the dear ones at home.

— Hamlet *Enterprise*: The experimental farm at this place is well under way. Trees and shrubs have already been set out and now the ground is being put in readiness for the other crops that are to be planted. Fruits of all kinds are to be raised and other things not usually found in this section. The Seaboard Air Line never does things by halves and soon we expect to see them realize the fruits of their labor.

— Alamance *Gleaner*: A cyclone passed over this place from southwest to northeast Friday evening about 7 o'clock. It was high up in the air, for which all may feel devoutly thankful. It sped along with terrific velocity. Its coming was heralded with a great roaring noise. While it was far up in the air, yet the atmosphere was greatly disturbed and two or three hundred yards from its path houses were caused to crack and shiver. We have heard no account of any damage from it.

— Lincoln *Journal*: We learn that a house occupied by disreputable women, near Rutherfordton, was raided Saturday night by White Caps. After whipping the women, the White Caps set fire to and burned the houses. —— A crowd of negroes on their way home from church at Newton Sunday night became involved in a row. When it was over, it was discovered that one of the negroes (Calvin Reinhardt) was dead, his skull having been crushed with a rock. Several of the participants in the row were jailed.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Deputy Collector Troy and a posse, Friday, captured J. L. Davis near Carthage, a desperate moonshiner. The man has been in the clutches of the revenue officers several times before, but each time has escaped. Davis was captured at his still, which was in full blast. —— A man who knows a good deal about such matters tells us that there are now in operation within a radius of seven miles around Fayetteville twenty-six moonshine stills. Can this be possible, in face of the large number broken up by Deputy Collector Troy and his deputies?

DOGS KEPT THEM WARM.

A Knife Manufacturing Town Where the Grinders Use Living Stoves.

Thiers, an old town in the Auvergne, is famous for its steel knife industry. The town has retained much of its romantic mediæval character. Its streets are narrow and crooked, and the manufacture of knives, the principal industry of the town, is not carried on in modern factories, but in ancient, small buildings along the little river Durolle, which furnishes the power for the industrial township. Curious and unique, as everything else in Thiers, is the method of work of the people engaged in grinding the knives.

The grinders, men and women, lay stretched out on wooden planks, over which they sometimes throw sheepskins to soften the boards. Head, shoulders and arms reach over the end of the board, and with their hands they hold unceasingly the rough steel blades upon the big grindstone which revolves beneath them by means of a powerful yet simple transmission. It is a very comical aspect to see these people at work, particularly because every one of the workmen has a small, long haired dog, who serves as a sort of live stove. During the long winter in the mountains a body stretched out at full length suffers much from cold in these ill protected mills, and since it is not possible for the workman to warm himself by a change of position or by moving his limbs this peculiar expedient has been adopted in Thiers. The dogs are well trained to their office. One whistle of their master calls them up, and a simple turn of the body indicates to them where they have to lie down to give new warmth to the body of their master.—Philadelphia Press.

Apples Are Good Nightcaps.

The apple is such a common fruit that very few persons are familiar with its remarkably efficacious medicinal properties, states The Bulletin of Pharmacy. Everybody ought to know that the very best thing he can do is to eat apples just before retiring for the night. Persons uninitiated in the mysteries of the fruit are liable to throw up their hands in horror at the visions of dyspepsia which such a suggestion may summon up, but no harm can come even to a delicate system by the eating of ripe and juicy apples just before going to bed.

The apple is excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid in easily digested shape than other fruits. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. This is not all. The apple helps the kidney secretions and prevents calculus growths, while it obviates indigestion and is one of the best known preventives of disease of the throat. Everybody should be familiar with such knowledge.

A Breezy Irishman.

Penrose Fitzgerald, the member of parliament for Cambridge, is a breezy, popular Irishman, of whom many good stories are told. He is rather nearsighted, and seldom remembers names. A few days ago he met a fellow member of parliament, Viscount Kilcoursie, who had just become Earl of Cavan. The new earl spoke to Mr. Fitzgerald in the lobby and, observing a puzzled look, was good enough to say pleasantly: "I see you don't know who I am. My name is Cavan." "Of course, of course, my dear fellow," was the answer, "but for the moment, I admit, I took you for that ass Kilcoursie."

Something to Depend On.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last Winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

THE SWORD OF TYR.

A NORTHERN MYTH THAT IS STRANGELY MIXED WITH HISTORY.

The Beautiful Weapon Made by a Clever Dwarf Possessed Magical Powers—The Decree of the Norns and How It Was Fulfilled In Several Instances.

Our Norse ancestors had many things to contend with besides the aggressiveness of their warlike neighbors. The extreme cold weather, the long periods of darkness, lasting half the year, terrible storms and poverty and hunger were formidable foes, and they tended to develop in the northmen both combativeness and superstition. It is not strange, then, that their gods were supposed to be warlike, or that they should think that frost giants and evil spirits were abroad in that frigid, storm swept land.

Odin, the father of all the gods, while he possessed many attributes and was a patron of song and story, was particularly distinguished for his martial spirit and possessed a marvelous spear, gungnir, which was endowed with miraculous qualities and which he always carried with him. This wonderful spear was the handiwork of a skillful smith, a dwarf of the name of Dvalinz.

Among Odin's sons was one that had inherited his father's warlike spirit and whose name was Tyr, god of war and courage. One of Tyr's most valuable possessions was a sacred sword made by the clever dwarf who had fashioned his father's spear. The sword was hung in the temple, where the first rays of the morning sun caressed its shining blade. It was carefully guarded night and day, but in spite of all precautions it mysteriously disappeared.

There was consternation in Asagrd when the loss was discovered, and immediate search was made for the missing weapon. A druidess, who possessed the gift of divination, was consulted, and from her it was learned that the Norns had decreed that whoever came into possession of the sword should conquer the world, but would eventually come to his death by it. The druidess, however, refused to disclose the hiding place of the sword.

In the ancient city of Cologne, which was founded by the Romans, the prefect, or governor of the province, sat one day feasting upon the choicest viands and drinking of the richest wines of his province. Vitellius was noted for his gormandizing proclivities, and it was surprising to those who knew him that he should be selected for the honors that came to him. As he sat at his table surrounded by the convivial spirits of the city a servant came to him saying that a stranger wished to see him upon a matter that would admit of no delay.

Reluctantly he left off his feasting to receive the visitor, a tall, dignified stranger, who presented him with the sword of Tyr, remarking that it would bring him great honor and renown. He then saluted Vitellius as emperor. Immediately those present took up the cry, "Hail to the emperor!" and Vitellius was elected emperor of Rome.

He at once proceeded toward Rome, the capital of the empire, but pursued his journey very leisurely, paying much more attention to feasting than to marching. One day, while in a state of intoxication, he left his sword, the sacred sword of Tyr, unguarded in one of the outer apartments of his tent, where it was observed by a German soldier, who appropriated it, leaving in its place a rusty weapon that he had been carrying.

Vitellius was so absorbed with his feasting that he did not miss the sword until after his arrival at Rome. Learning that Vespasian was marching toward the city to dispute his claim to the throne, he sought the sword, thinking to resist his rival, but it had disappeared. Believing this to be an omen of defeat, he secreted himself in a dark recess of his palace, where he was found by the angry people who had so recently declared him emperor and was ignominiously dragged forth and hurried away to the foot of the Capitoline hill. The German soldier who had stolen the sacred sword happened to arrive at the same moment as the disgraced monarch, and, drawing the sword, he cut off the emperor's head with a single stroke, fulfilling the decree of the Norns that the sword should slay its possessor.

The German soldier kept the sword many years, fighting in many different regiments and in various countries and was always victorious. He became famous on account of his skill and power as a warrior and was greatly honored. At last old age compelled him to give up his martial pursuits, and he retired to private life, still retaining in his possession the wonderful sword.

Fearful lest it might be taken from him, he buried it upon the banks of the river Danube and built himself a modest dwelling over the spot where the sword lay hidden. At last he died, and though his friends begged him to disclose the hiding place of the sword he refused, saying that, though its possessor might be able to conquer the world, he could not escape the curse of death.

The sword, however, was not destined to remain always hidden. Many years after the death of the German soldier the Hun leader Attila, with an army of invaders, passed along the Danube. As they approached the spot where had formerly stood the German's hut Attila noticed a peasant ruefully examining his cow's foot and paused to inquire what was the matter. The peasant told him that the cow had cut her foot upon something that was hidden in the tall grass.

They began a search, and soon found the point of a sword sticking out of the ground. The sword was unearthed, and when Attila saw the fine workmanship he knew that he had found the lost sword of Tyr. It had not lost its luster or its wonderful virtues by its long imprisonment in the damp earth, for, from that day, victory attended Attila in his encounters with the enemy.

At last, becoming surfeited with success, he determined to retire to private life, but first he took for a wife a beautiful princess, Ildico by name, whose father had fallen in battle by his hand. The princess had sworn to avenge her father's death, and she saw in her union with Attila an opportunity to fulfill her vow.

At the feast that followed the wedding Attila became intoxicated, and Ildico, stealthily obtaining the sword, slew him as he lay sleeping in his bed, again verifying the prophecy of the druidess.

Once more the sword disappeared and was not again heard of until the Duke of Alva, one of Charles V's generals, mysteriously obtained possession of it and by its aid won the victory at the battle of Muhlberg. After the battle the sword again disappeared and has never since been seen.—Arthur J. Bundick in Philadelphia Times.

Not Likely to Be Disappointed.

An inquisitive person passing along a country road stopped to talk with a farmer hoeing corn.

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"Yes. I planted that kind," replied the farmer.

"It looks yellow."

"I planted yellow corn."

"I don't think you'll get more than half a crop."

"Don't expect to—I planted it on shares."—Buffalo Courier.

Disadvantages of Being Too Good.

The boy who runs to meet his teacher on her way to school and walks up to the building with her, holding her hand, isn't generally particularly popular with the other boys in school.—Somerville Journal.

Happiness.

"Have you heard from your daughter since she started on her wedding tour? Is she happy?"

"Very much so. Only think, in Venice she commenced to have her own way in everything, and ever since they left Rome she has carried the purse."—Pearson's Weekly.

The Duke of Cambridge, in virtue of being a relative of the queen, gets £6,000 per annum besides his salary as commander in chief.

The great lesson of a loss, as the proverb suggests, is determinable not so much by what we have lost as by what we have left.—Bovee.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6
Standard		@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℘ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℘ ℔	6	@	7
Shoulders ℘ ℔	6	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℘ ℔	5½	@	5⅜
Shoulders ℘ ℔	4⅝	@	5
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each	1 30	@	1 40
BEESWAX ℘ ℔	22	@	23
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℘ M	6 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℘ ℔	10	@	16
Northern	18	@	26
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	39	@	42½
Virginia Meal	40	@	42½
COTTON TIES—℘ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℘ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℘ ℔—			
Northern Factory	12	@	13½
Dairy, Cream	14	@	14½
State		@	10
COFFEE—℘ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	9	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℘ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ℘ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℘ dozen	8½	@	9
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℘ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℘ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℘ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℘ half-barrel	8 00	@	[illegible] 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℘ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℘ barrel	2 00	@	3 00
Mullets, ℘ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℘ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℘ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	3 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—℘ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 25
Straight	4 75	@	5 00
First Patent		@	5 50
GLUE—℘ ℔—	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White	40	@	42½
Car load, in bags—White	39	@	40
Oats, from store	30	@	32½
Oats, Rust Proof	43½	@	45
Cow Peas	85	@	90
HIDES, ℘ ℔—			
Green		@	16
Dry		@	18
HAY, ℘ 100 ℔s—			
Eastern		@	1 00
Western	90	@	95
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℘ ℔		@	2
LARD, ℘ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME ℘ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℘ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℘ gallon—			
Barbados, in hhds		@	26
" " in bbls		@	28
Porto Rico, in hhds	26	@	29
" in bbls		@	28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	12	@	15
NAILS, ℘ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	1 75
PORK, ℘ barrel—			
City Mess		@	9 50
Rump		@	9 00
Prime		@	9 00
ROPE, ℘ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℘ sack Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	60
Lisbon		@	
American		@	60
On 125 ℔ Sacks	40	@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℘ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℘ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	4⅝
Standard A		@	4⅜
White Ex. C		@	4¼
Extra C, Golden	4	@	4⅛
C Yellow		@	3⅝
SOAP, ℘ ℔—Northern	3¼	@	4
STAVES, ℘ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℘ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
TALLOW, ℘ ℔	4	@	
WHISKEY, ℘ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 30.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 27 cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 26½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market firm at 95 cents per bbl of 280 ℔s.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1 30 per barrel for Hard and 1 80 for Soft.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine steady, 25@24½c; rosin firm, $1 30, 1 35; tar, firm, 90c; crude turpentine nothing doing.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	13
Rosin	189
Tar	159
Crude Turpentine	3

Receipts same day last year—15 casks spirits turpentine, 139 bbls rosin, 191 bbls tar, 5 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 7c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4⅝	cts ℘ ℔
Good Ordinary	6	" "
Low Middling	6⅝	" "
Middling	7	" "
Good Middling	7 5-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7½c.

Receipts—8 bales; same day last year 32.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 55@60c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 60c; Fancy, 65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45@50c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 40 to 43 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2 25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $5.00 to 8.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, March 30—Evening.—Money on call was easy at 1½@1¾ per cent; last loan at 1½ per cent, closing offered at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½ per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers bills at 485¾@486 for sixty days; 487¼@487½ for demand. Commercial bills 484¼@485¼. Government bonds were steady; United States coupon fours 113¼; United States twos 96½. State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 102; North Carolina sixes 124. Railroad bonds generally higher. Silver at the Stock Exchange to-day was lower.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, March 30—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 7 5-16.

Cotton—net receipts 706 bales; gross 3 478 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 1,478 bales; forwarded 608 bales; sales 407 bales; sales to spinners 307 bales; stock (actual) 239,747 bales.

Cotton futures—market closed quiet; March 6 94, April 6 94, May 6 98, June 7 02, July 7 07, August 7 07, September 6 83, October 6 70, November 6 72, December 6 74, January 6 78, February 6 82. Sales 47,800 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 9,937 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,214 bales; to France 100 bales; to the Continent 4,478 bales; stock 723,327 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 25,800 bales; exports to Great Britain 19,466 bales; to France 9,200 bales; to the Continent 11,497 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 6,220,044 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,706,011 bales; exports to France 614 488 bales; exports to the Continent 1,692,548 bales; to the Channel 5 481 bales.

Flour was quiet, steady and unchanged; Southern flour was quoted unchanged; common to fair extra $3 20@3 50; good to choice $3 60@4 00. Wheat—spot market was dull and lower, with options closing firm; ungraded red 70@84½c; options were fairly active and closed weak at ⅝@1¼c decline; No. 2 red March 81c; May 77⅝c; July 76⅜c; September 73⅜c. Corn—spot dull and scarce; No. 2 30⅛c at elevator and 31⅛c afloat; options declined ⅛@⅜c, rallied ⅛@⅜; March 30¼; May 30⅝c, July 31⅞. Oats—spot dull but steady; options dull and easier; May 21⅝c; spot prices—No. 2, 22½c; No. 2 white 24⅛; mixed Western 21@23c. Lard dull and firm; Western steam $4 45; city $4 15@4 20; May $4 55; refined dull; Continental $4 70; South American $4 95; compound $4 00 @4 25. Pork steady; demand moderate; new mess $9 00@9 50. Butter firmer; demand good; State dairy 9@19½c; do. creamery 14@20½c; Western creamery —c; Elgins 20½c. Eggs were in moderate demand; State and Pennsylvania 10@10½; Western fresh 9¾@10c; Southern 9¼@9½c. Cotton seed oil quiet and rather easy; crude 20@20½c; yellow prime 23c asked. Rice firm, in fair demand and unchanged. Coffee barely steady and 5 to 10 points down; April $8 00; June $8 10; September $8 30@8 35; December $8 30@8 35; spot Rio dull but steady; No. 7, $8 50 nominal. Sugar—raw dull but steady; fair refining 2 15-16c; refined unchanged and fairly active.

CHICAGO, March 30.—Cash quotations: Flour was dull, easy and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring 70⅞@72⅛c; No. 2 red 85⅛@88⅛c. Corn—No. 2, 24⅝@24⅞c. Oats—No. 2 17c. Mess pork $8 45 @8 50. Lard $4 20@4 22½. Short rib sides, loose $4 55@4 80. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4 75@5 00. Short clear sides, boxed, $4 62½@4 75. Whiskey $1 18.

The leading futures ranged as follows: opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—March 71⅝, 72, 70⅞, 70⅞c; May 72⅜, 72⅜, 71⅛, 71⅛@71⅝c; July 70⅞ @71, 71, 71, 70½@70⅝c; September 68⅞ @68⅞, 68⅞@69, 68½@68⅞, 68½@68⅜c. Corn—March 24⅛@24⅜, 24⅜, 24⅛, 24⅛@24⅜c; May 24⅜@24⅞, 24⅞, 24⅜, 24⅜@24⅞c; July 25⅞@26 26, 25⅜ @25⅞, 26c; September 27⅜, 27⅛@27¼, 27⅛, 27⅛@27¼c. Oats—No 2 May 17¼@@17⅝, 17⅛@17⅝, 17⅛@17¼, 17¼; July 18, 18⅛, 18, 18½c; September 18⅞, 18⅞, 18⅜, 18⅜c. Mess pork—May $8 52½, 8 57½, 8 50, 8 55; July $8 67½, 8 70, 8 62½, 8 67½. Lard—May $4 25, 4 25, 4 22½, 4 25; July $4 35, 4 37½, 4 35, 4 35. Short ribs—May $4 62½, 4 65, 4 62½, 4 65; July $4 65, 4 70, 4 75, 4 67½.

BALTIMORE, March 30.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat dull and lower; spot 84c asked; May 78c bid; Southern by sample 81@85c. Corn easy; spot, March and April 28⅛@28⅜c; May 28⅜@28⅝c; July 29⅜@29⅝c; Steamer mixed 24⅞@24⅝c; Southern white 30@31c; do yellow 29½c. Oats firm; No. 2 white 25@26c; No. 2 mixed 23@23½c.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

March 30.—Galveston, quiet at 7, net receipts 3 575 bales; Norfolk, firm at 6 8-16, net receipts 827 bales; Baltimore, dull at 7 5-16, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 7 5-16, net receipts 338 bales; Wilmington, steady at 7, net receipts 8 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 7 9 16c, net receipts 100 bales; Savannah, quiet at 6⅞, net receipts 1,236 bales; New Orleans, steady at 6 15-16c, net receipts 3,601 bales; Mobile, quiet at 6⅞, net receipts 449 bales; Memphis, steady at 6⅞, net receipts 108 bales; Augusta, firm at 7¼, net receipts 464 bales; Charleston, steady at 6 15-16, net receipts 107 bales.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, March 30.—12.30 P. M.—Cotton, quiet and prices firm. American middling 3 15-16d. Sales 8 000 bales, of which 7,400 were American; speculation and export 500. Receipts 8,200 bales, all of which were American. Futures opened quiet and demand moderate. American middling (l m c): March and April 3 57 64d; April and May 3 57 64d; May and June 3 58-64d; July and August 3 58 64d; August and September 3 56 64d; September and October 3 50 64d; November and December 3 43 64d; December and January 3 43 64d. Futures quiet.

4 P. M.—American middling (l m c) March 3 58-64@3 59-64d seller; March and April 3 58 64d buyer; April and May 3 58 64d buyer; May and June 3 58-64@3 59 64d seller; June and July 3 58 64@3 59 64d value; July and August 3 58-64@3 59 64d buyer; August and September 3 56-64@3 57 64d seller; September and October 3 50 64@3 51-64d buyer; October and November 3 46 64d value; November and December 3 44 64d seller; December and January 3 43-64@3 44-64d buyer. Futures closed steady.

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THE GYPSY TAINT.

Father is a townsman, mother from the far
Green southern uplands, where wealthy pastures are.
My kith and my kindred are prosperous and sleek,
Who feed well and work well and thrive all the week.

But somewhere and some time, many a year ago,
There was a gypsy woman that right well I know—
A wild, dark woman from the moor and wold—
Who bare me an ancestor in days of old.

They hushed up her memory, hid her name away,
Thought they had done with her forever and a day,
Yet hath she left a heritage that none else shall win
Whereunto my wandering feet have entered in.

For surely when the dead leaves scutter down the street
With a rush and a rustle, like little flying feet;
When the sou'west wakens and with scared looks askance
The townsfolk hasten from the storm's advance,

My whole soul sickens with a fierce desire.
Stress of sudden longing sets my blood on fire
For the wind on the hilltop in a lonely place
And the cold, soft raindrops blowing on my face,

For the steep hung hedges of the winding road
And the forest pathway by the stream o'erflowed,
For the storm swept heather where the blackcock whirs
And the salt wind whistles through the stunted firs,

For the brown wood water, and the brown field's smell,
And the wide sea marshes where the curlews dwell,
For the moorland black against the last red light,
And the sunk reef's breakers brawling to the night.

Hide within your houses with your glaring gas!
Mine shall be the peat smoke in the beech roofed grass.
Count your sordid silver, tell your grimy gain!
Mine shall be the treasures of the wind and rain.
—May Byron in San Francisco Argonaut.

THE STORY OF MAG.

Just above this little mountain village there is a place known as Lost Creek waterfall. The name is not a specially romantic one, but it has at least the merit of describing the place which it designates. Lost creek is a typical mountain stream that comes roaring, brawling down the mountain until it reaches a certain high cliff, over which it plunges in a graceful, quivering column. It throws up a shower of silvery spray from the rocks below, but instead of flowing on down the surface of the mountain it plunges into a dark, small mouthed, subterranean cavern and is in all verity "lost" to human sight, as the name implies. Occasionally a wayfarer will throw a rock inside and listen to the hollow thud, thud, as it seems to bound from ledge to ledge into the awful darkness of the earth's interior. Almost half a mile farther down the mountain the stream emerges from its underground course as abruptly as it disappeared. There are vague rumors that soldiers, hard pressed by their foes, traversed this awful passageway during the dark days of the war, but these are only rumors, and no one now cares by actual test to prove or disprove their possibility.

Only one person is really known to have passed through this journey, and that one brought no news as to its mysteries. The lips were sealed forever, and the eyes, unwavering, stared up at the sun above them. The memory of the awful exit gives the subterranean passageway a horror deeper than its own, but the self engrossing heroism of the entrance gives the waterfall a grandeur greater than that of its rocks, purer than the snowy whiteness of its foam and more soul refreshing than the coolness of its spray.

Tom Houston was one of the pleasantest, most industrious young farmers on that slope of Cumberland mountain, and Mag Lassiter was one of the wildest, most worthless of the mountain belles. The neighbors all said a great deal of good about Tom and very little of bad, beyond the fact that he was rather easily influenced. The best that could be said about Mag was that she was pretty and full of life, and that she generally stuck to her friends through thick and thin—as long as she cared to.

As to the evil said about her, there was almost no end of it. The whisperings that connected her name with certain moonshining operations could hardly be included under this head, for public opinion on the mountains in those days was far from unanimous in declaring such things evil. Far more serious were the rumors that she had used the power of her beauty to lure numerous young men on to destruction. Many rather serious misdeeds were supposed to have their origin with her influence, but nothing definite was ever known about them. When she first began to make friends with Tom Houston, everybody said that no good could come of it. Several of the older men and women took it on themselves to warn Tom, but he refused to be warned. As usual, the voice of youth and life and beauty had more influence than the voice of old age and experience and ugliness.

The crash came sooner than any one expected. One night at a dance Tom called out the two Dickens boys, and, seemingly in cold blood, shot them dead. The Dickens boys were members of one of the most prominent families on the mountain, and the excitement which followed the killing was intense. Everybody remembered that Mag had formerly had a fierce quarrel with the elder of the brothers, and that he was said to be the only young man on the mountain who had successfully resisted her wiles. Everybody suspected that the murder was instigated by Mag, but nobody knew it. Only Tom Houston could know it, and it was recognized by all that Tom would never tell. Besides, after the killing, Tom had fled and was now somewhere in hiding.

There was reason to believe that he had not gone far away, but it was hard to find him. The mountain was thoroughly aroused. The prominence of the murdered men and the cold bloodedness of the deed made every one feel an interest in bringing the slayer to justice. Pickets were scattered in a line that surrounded the whole slope of the mountain where Tom was supposed to be hiding, but still the task was no easy one. The mountain side at that place was so full of deep ravines and holes in the rocks that a dozen men might easily elude anything but the most careful search. Still it was only a question of time.

One evening several days after the killing Mag walked into the sheriff's office at Jasper. Without even glancing at the group of loungers hanging about as usual she looked defiantly at the sheriff and addressed him in harsh, strident tones, very unlike those in which she generally spoke.

"I've come to tell you uns that your men has got Tom Houston penned safe an sound," she said. "Thar ain't no possible way out for him. I guess you already knowed that, though."

"I sorter guessed it," replied the sheriff, as he chuckled and looked around in some uncertainty.

"Ef you think you'll have an easy job to take him, you're mistaken, though," continued Mag. "That mounting is ez full of little ole gullies an holes as an old kitchen is of rat holes, an I don't reckon any man in Tennessee knows 'em any better than Tom does. It may be a month before you ketch him. Besides, Tom's got shootin irons, an he knows how to use 'em too. There'll be the devil to pay before you take him unless you get help."

"Help?" repeated the sheriff rather vaguely. "Ain't I got half the men on the mounting to help me now? What kind of help do you mean?"

"Gimme $50, an I'll take you right where he is tomorrow mornin, an I'll gyarantee he don't fire nary shot neither."

The sheriff uttered a low, long drawn whistle of surprise, and the loungers about the office exchanged remarks in an undertone. They had always known "that gal was no good, but darned if they'd ever have believed she was low down enough to get a fellow into trouble an then sell his life to the officers for $50, darned if they would."

"There's some conditions about it," continued Mag haughtily and without heeding these comments. "Them $50 must be in my hand in bills in the mornin before I budge ary step of the way. After I take you where he is you must give me two minutes by the watch to talk to him before you do anything. Then, if he tries to run, you must give him at least 50 yards start before you begin shootin. I ain't a-goin to see him shot down like a dog without no chance at all. After it's all over I'm goin to leave this here God forsaken country myself, an you've got to promise me that nobody'll try to foller or to see which way I've gone."

"I don't blame her for that last part," whispered a bystander, winking significantly.

The sheriff thought the matter over. He went out and talked to several of the friends of the murdered men about it. All agreed that Mag's plan, though an unspeakably base one on her part, might result in saving several weeks of time and possibly several human lives. Perhaps it was the cheapest way out of the difficulty. Old man Dickens readily agreed to furnish the money. The result of the consultation was that Mag was informed that her terms were accepted.

The next morning, before sunrise, when Mag met the sheriff's posse at the meeting point agreed upon the evening before, it was noticed that she had a big, black bruise under her right eye.

"Have you been in a scrap, Mag?" asked one of the posse, with a clumsy attempt at jocularity.

"I seen Tom last night," replied the girl, with a forced laugh, "an he whacked me in the eye with his fist an cussed me for gettin him into trouble, as he said. I didn't mind the lick—but the cussin."

Here the girl's voice quavered, and those nearest to her thought they saw the glimmer of a tear in her eye.

"I soon made it all right with him though," she continued, regaining her self possession. "But I didn't tell him what a nice lot of visitors I was goin to bring him this morning. He, he!"

There were some black looks exchanged and some remarks made in an undertone as to the baseness of the girl's treachery, but she deigned no reply until she came within hearing of the Lost Creek waterfall, to which reference has been made before.

"Call in all your pickets," she exclaimed imperiously. "Tom's mighty nigh here somewheres, an you uns is such pore shots that you'd better have a lot of men ready to shoot."

The pickets had spent the night before on the mountain as they had also spent several nights preceding. Word was now sent out, and all of them were summoned down to the spot in question.

"Now stay where you are an remember about them two minutes you promised to give us—for our last interview, you know. He, he!"

With these words Mag cautiously advanced until within about 50 yards of the fall. Then she stepped out of sight between several large bowlders. The posse grasped their rifles and waited in silence. The sheriff held in hand a watch with which to tell the passage of the two minutes.

"Do you reckon he's been hidin all this time in that hole?" asked one man in a low whisper.

"What do you reckon she's a-sayin to him?" asked another.

Then all was quiet save for the "tick, tick" of the sheriff's watch. When the time lacked but a few seconds of being out, a woman's figure hurriedly glided from behind the rocks and hastened up the mountain side. The left hand pressed a handkerchief to the eyes, but the right hand pointed backward toward the rocks. Scarcely a moment later a man's figure emerged and made a wild dash for Lost Creek waterfall. There was no mistaking the apparel. It was the same suit of well worn "butternut" jeans and the same old brown peaked slouch hat that Tom Houston had worn when he disappeared. Perhaps it was the recollection of their promise, or perhaps it was only the suddenness of the apparition; at any rate not a shot was fired until the figure made a final leap before disappearing into the deep, dark hole into which the water fell. Just as it was poised in midair half a dozen rifles rang out loud and clear. High above the multitudinous mountain echoes which they woke a wild, shrill scream arose. Every man in the posse rushed pellmell to the black hole, but when they peered into its depths nothing was to be seen and nothing was to be heard save the roar of the fall and the swish of the foam.

"Those rocks on that side would give a fellow plenty of foothold," remarked one man to the sheriff. "Air yo' a-goin in?"

"Naw!" answered that official. "I ain't hankering to run afoul of Tom Houston's shootin irons in the dark."

However, he put his face in at the dark opening and shouted, "Surrender!" though his voice was well nigh drowned by that of the water. Then very cautiously he pushed a big revolver into the darkness and pulled the trigger. A long, reverberating, cavernous bellow was the only response.

"Jeeminy!" he ejaculated. "It sounds like a million of devils might live down there."

Then a sudden thought seemed to strike him.

"See here," he shouted. "About half of you fellows run down the mounting—quick, an stand guard at the place where Lost crick comes out again."

His meaning was comprehended in an instant, and about half the posse dashed away to execute his orders.

"So that was Mag's little game, was it?" continued the sheriff. "She thought I'd call in my picket lines an then Tom could slip out the lower end of this hole—guess nobody knows it better than him, an she'd have her $50 besides. She was sharp to get her money beforehand. I wonder where she is now."

She was nowhere to be seen. It seemed that during the tumult she had slipped away unobserved. The sheriff made no attempt to follow her; perhaps he remembered his promise not to do so.

"It don't make no difference," he remarked. "We've got Tom in a hole this time sure, with both ends of the hole guarded. It's only a question of a little time now. If we don't drive him out, we can easily starve him out. I think some fellow winged him when he jumped anyhow."

That night three men with rifles in their hands stood guard at the lower opening of the underground passageway of Lost creek, and three stood at the upper one. The next day they were relieved by others, and so it continued for a full week. Tom Houston did not appear. One afternoon at the end of this period Tom's big peaked slouch hat floated out into the sunlight at the lower entrance. The watchers examined it with all the eagerness of intense excitement.

"Somethin else is goin to float out pretty soon now," exclaimed one in an awestruck whisper.

Sure enough, not half an hour later "something else" did float out.

"Look out! It's comin," exclaimed the first one who saw it.

As it reached the first faint rays of daylight the watchers peering in could recognize the well worn suit of "butternut" jeans which Tom Houston had been used to wear. When it reached the full light of day, they saw that a wealth of soft brown hair had fallen back from the marble brow of a woman. They had to take a second glance to realize that it was Mag. The old, radiant beauty was unconquered even by death, but the old look of haughty defiance was gone, and in its place was a look of tender restfulness that was new to them. The only sign of a struggle was the black welt on the face where Tom had struck her when she went to him to unfold her plan for saving his life. As the watchers gazed at the placid features the various details of her self sacrifice came to them one at a time.

"I bet she had him hid in this place all along," whispered one. "The only trouble was that the lines was drawed so tight around that she couldn't get him out."

"She changed clo'es with him mighty quick that evenin," said another.

"Tom slipped off with her clothes on, but I bet she had some others hid out somewheres for him to put on. I wouldn't doubt but she gave him them $50 to go on. Lord knows where he is by this time—in Halifax mebby."

"She thought she could make her way down here an slip out before we'd think to head her off. She might a-done it, too, if some fellow hadn't winged her when she jumped," said one of the guards, lifting her right arm. It seemed to have been shattered by a rifle ball.

"She was a powerful sinful woman," said another.

"Yes, but she loved Tom Houston an awful sight," said the third.

And in the lapse and flash of the water against the rocks it seemed as if one could almost hear the voice of him who said:

"Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much."—New York Tribune.

Why She Resigned.

"I don't know what we're coming to," said Mr. Cumrox gloomily. "I guess I'll have to turn in and write my letters myself."

"Can't you employ an amanuensis?" asked his wife.

"I thought I had one. She came to work this morning, and when she sat down to the typewriter I says to her, 'Now, I want you to take down what I'm goin to dictate exactly as I say it.'"

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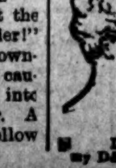

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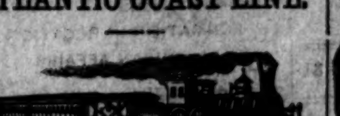

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DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.59 a m, Warsaw 11.11 a m, Goldsboro 12.01 a m, Wilson 12.46 p m, Rocky Mount 1.20 p m, Tarboro 2.50 p m, Weldon 3.29 p m, Petersburg 5.54 p m, Richmond 6.50 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.53 a m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.00 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.55 p m, Weldon 1.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.24 a m, Richmond 4.20 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.25 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 8.30 p m.

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DAILY 3.25 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.32 p m, Chadbourn 5.04 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.45 p m, Sumter 8.45 p m, Columbia 10.05 p m, Denmark 6.20 a m, Augusta 8.10 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.20 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.30 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 5.45 p m.

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DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.05 p m, Rock Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.20 a m, Goldsboro 7.03 a m, Warsaw 7.58 a m, Magnolia 8.06 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.15 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.25 a m, Sanford 2.19 p m, Jacksonville 7 00 p m Savannah 12.45 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.45 p m, Denmark 4.55 p m, Sumter 6.45 a m, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.34 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

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Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 8 55 a m, arrive Darlington 9 28 a m, Cheraw 10 40 a m, Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.10 p m, arrive Darlington 8.40 p m, Hartsville 9.15 p m, Bennettsville 9 36 p m, Gibson 10 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 a m, arrive Darlington 9.27 a m, Hartsville 10 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 30 a m, arrive Darlington 7 15 a m, leave Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 15 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 27 p m, arrive Florence 6 55 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 7 a m, Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 2.50 p m, Smithfield 2.58 p m, Dunn 3.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m, 1.10 a m, Rowland 5.38 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.20 a m, 10.20 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.42 p m, 12.10 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 30 a m, Creston 5 2[illegible] a m, arrive Denmar 6 20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 55 p m, [illegible]ston 5 47 p m, Sumter 6 40 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m, Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.45 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.45 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

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W., N. & N. Railway.

In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

NORTH BOUND #6	NORTH BOUND #8	STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND #7	SOUTH BOUND #5
A M	P M		P M	P M
	3 00	—WILMINGTON— Lv...Walnut street...Ar	12 40	
7 00	3 10	Lv...Surry street...Ar	12 30	3 25
9 50		Ar...Jacksonville...Lv		12 05
11 00	3 58	Lv " ...Ar	10 43	10 25
11 58	4 30	Lv...Maysville...Lv	10 09	9 18
12 30	4 44	Lv...Pollocksville...Lv	9 55	8 50
1 30	5 20	Ar...Newbern...Lv	9 20	8 00
	P M		A M	

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Nos. 7 and 8 passenger trains.
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Connection with Steamer Neuse at Newbern to and from Elizabeth City and Norfolk Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
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*Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
‡Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
†Daily except Sunday.

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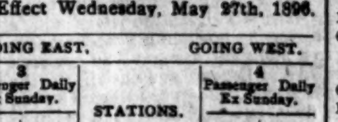
Traffic Manager. my 22 tf

Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad
Time Table.



In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	
....	4 12	Kinston	10 32	
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 42	Morehead City	8 02	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.
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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT FEB. 7, 1897.

WESTWARD.

	No. 41.	No. 403.
Leave Wilmington	*3 20 p m	....
Leave Lumberton	5 26 p m	....
Leave Maxton	6 14 p m	....
Leave Laurinburg	6 23 p m	....
Arrive Hamlet	6 53 p m	....
Leave Hamlet	7 13 p m	*5 10pm
Leave Rockingham	7 30 p m	5 23am
Leave Wadesboro	8 11 p m	....
Leave Marshville	8 48 p m	6 25am
Arrive Monroe	9 12 p m	6 43am
Leave Monroe	9 35 p m	7 30am
Arrive Charlotte	10 25 p m	8 30am
Arrive Mt. Holly	....	9 10am
Arrive Lincolnton	....	10 35am
Arrive Shelby	....	11 43am
Arrive Ellenboro	....	12 20pm
Arrive Rutherfordton	....	12 54pm

†8 40 a m Leave......Hamlet......Arrive 6 20pm
10 00 a m Arrive......Cheraw......Leave †5 00pm

EASTWARD.

	No. 38	No. 402.
Leave Rutherfordton	....	*4 35pm
Leave Ellenboro	....	5 15pm
Leave Shelby	....	6 08pm
Leave Lincolnton	....	7 00pm
Leave Mt. Holly	....	7 50pm
Leave Charlotte	*5 10 am	8 25pm
Arrive Monroe	5 58 am	9 10pm
Leave Monroe	6 05 am	9 40pm
Leave Marshville	6 25 am	....
Leave Wadesboro	7 01 am	10 31pm
Leave Rockingham	7 41 am	11 05pm
Arrive Hamlet	7 55 am	11 23pm
Leave Hamlet	8 45 am	....
Leave Laurinburg	9 11 am	....
Leave Maxton	9 30 am	....
Leave Lumberton	10 18 am	....
Arrive Wilmington	12 30 pm	....

NORTHWARD.

Leave Hamlet	*8 15 am	*11 23pm
Arrive Raleigh	11 30 am	2 11am
Arrive Portsmouth	5 50pm	7 30am
Arrive Richmond	*6 50 pm	*8 15pm
Arrive Washington	11 10 pm	12 31pm
Arrive New York	6 53 am	6 23pm

SOUTHWARD.

Leave Monroe	*6 48am	*9 25pm
Arrive Abbeville	11 05 am	1 40am
Arrive Athens	1 15 pm	3 45am
Arrive Atlanta (Central Times)	2 50 pm	5 20am

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CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

IN EFFECT FEBRUARY 7, 1897.

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2.
7 45 p. m.	Ar....Wilmington....Lv	7 50 a. m
4 35 "	Lv....Fayetteville....Ar	11 00 a m
4 18 "	Ar....Fayetteville....Lv	11 21 "
4 12 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 27 "
2 55 "	Lv....Sanford....Lv	1 00 p. m
12 43 "	Lv....Climax....Lv	2 55 "
12 15 "	Lv....Greensboro....Ar	3 25 "
11 55 a m	Ar....Greensboro....Lv	3 35 "
11 07 "	Lv....Stokesdale....Lv	4 23 "
10 32 "	Lv..Walnut Cove..Lv	4 55 "
10 04 "	Lv....Rural Hall....Lv	5 28 "
8 40 "	Lv....Mt Airy....Ar	6 50 "

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 20 p m	Ar....Bennettsville....Lv	8 20 a. m.
6 17 "	Lv....Maxton....Lv	9 25 "
5 36 "	Lv....Red Springs....Lv	10 01 "
4 49 "	Lv....Hope Mills....Lv	10 47 "
4 28 "	Lv....Fayetteville....Ar	11 08 "

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 15. MIXED.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 16. MIXED.
6 05 p m	Ar....Ramseur....Lv	6 45 a. m
4 20 "	Lv....Climax....Lv	8 35 "
3 35 "	Lv....Greensboro....Ar	9 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 MIXED. daily ex sun
Leave Greensboro	9 35 a. m
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. MIXED. daily ex sun
Leave Madison	12 30 p m
Leave Stokesdale	1 28 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 40 "

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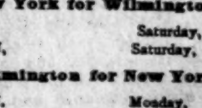

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 31

COMMITTEE VACANCIES.

Certain Populists to Vote With Republicans on the Question of Reorganization—Jones, Stewart and Kyle to Have Good Chairmanships.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Republicans of the Senate this morning put into motion the machinery looking to the reorganization of the Senate so far as the committee vacancies are concerned. The caucus was called for 10 o'clock and was promptly attended by almost every one of the straight Republicans of the body. Adjournment was taken until 11.30.

Senator Allison, chairman of the caucus committee, made an elaborate report in which he told of the troubles that had confronted and which still stood in the way of the committee. Many conferences had been had with the Democratic steering committee and at no time were the members of that committee, and particularly Mr. Gorman, its chairman, willing to admit that there was any change in the condition in the Republican party since the Senate committees had been reorganized by the Republicans. The Democrats insisted, said Mr. Allison, that they should have the same number of men on the committees as they had under the previous arrangements, and declined to permit the Republicans to take an additional number sufficient to outvote the silver Republicans who had bolted the St. Louis Convention and who were now members of the committees, if they continued with the Democrats.

The result of the discussion, which was of decidedly varied and somewhat nebulous character, was a resolution instructing Chairman Allison to appoint a committee on committees, which will assign the Republicans to the various committees on the basis insisted upon by the Republicans. This will at least put the machinery in motion and force the fighting to a finish.

It is understood that a combination had been made with certain Populists whereby they are to vote with the Republicans on the question of reorganization. The Populists who are to be given good chairmanships are said to be Senators Jones, of Nevada, Stewart and Kyle. It is understood also that Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, opposes such a combination and will not agree to any recognition of the Populists.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat, Corn and Oats Lower—Provisions Higher.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, March 30.—To-day's business in wheat consisted of liquidation from start to finish, with prices constantly dragging downward. May wheat opened from 72⅝@72⅜c, declined to 71⅛c, closing at 71⅛@71⅝c—1⅛@1⅝c under yesterday. Cash wheat was weaker and 1⅛c lower.

May corn opened at 24⅜@24⅞c, sold at 24⅜ and 24⅜c, closing at 24⅜@24⅝c—a shade under yesterday. Cash corn was steady, closing a trifle easy.

May oats closed a shade lower than yesterday. Cash oats were steady, without material change in prices.

The hog market revived a little this morning and product consistently rallied. Light receipts of hogs were the basis of the strength. As a whole, business was of no particular importance and fluctuations were narrow. At the close May pork was a shade higher. May lard 2½c higher and May ribs 2½@5c higher.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

The New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 30.—The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here was unchanged, with sales of 307 bales for spinning; 100 were delivered on contract. The speculation in cotton to-day was dull and devoid of interesting developments. What little trading there was was in the main of a local scalping nature. Early in the day prices advanced slightly. The Liverpool news was better than had been expected, and the fears of further serious overflows of the Mississippi and the consequent delay to crop preparations checks any desire to sell on a large scale. Liverpool bought here, the receipts were light and the spot markets were firm. Before the close part of the improvement was lost in the absence of support, but the last prices showed a slight net advance for the day.

FIREBUGS IN PORTSMOUTH.

Three Attempts at Incendiarism Discovered—The Fire Sunday Morning the Work of Incendiaries.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, March 30.—There were three more attempted pieces of incendiarism in Portsmouth last night. These, following the great conflagration on Sunday morning, that swept away a large portion of the city and is now positively known to have been of incendiary origin, have thrown the inhabitants of the city into such a nervous state that sleep is almost impossible. The police last night discovered the attempted incendiarism in time to prevent a repetition of the calamity of Sunday. The mayor to-day issued a proclamation offering a reward of $500 for the conviction of any person guilty of originating the fires.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Rosin was steady, with a moderate demand and unchanged; strained common to good $1 65@1 67½. Spirits turpentine quiet, steady and unchanged at 29½@29⅝c.

CHARLESTON, March 30.—Spirits turpentine firm at 26½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm, sales — barrels; A, B, C, D, E $1 45, F $1 50, G $1 60, H $1 80, I $1 80, K $1 85, M $1 90, N $2 10, W G $2 40, W W $2 55.

SAVANNAH, March 30.—Spirits turpentine firm at 27½c, with sales to-day of 40 casks; receipts 569 casks. Rosin firm; sales 1,500 barrels; receipts 2,350 barrels; quote old crop and new crop: A, B, C, D $1 50, E $1 55, F $1 60, G $1 65, H $1 70, I $1 75, K $1 80, M $1 85, N $2 20, W G $2 50, W W $2 60.

A man who registered as Wilson Williams, of Washington, D. C., killed himself in a cheap hotel at New Orleans last night. He had erased his name from his spectacle case, and destroyed all his letters and papers. His coat bore the mark of the Globe Clothing House, of Richmond, Va. He said while here that he had lost $75,000, and was desperate. Wilson Williams was evidently an assumed name.

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SENATE AND HOUSE.

PRESIDENT ASKED TO FURNISH INFORMATION IN RELATION TO CUBAN AFFAIRS.

Wool Growers Want the Most Ample Protection—Members of the House Believe the Tediousness of Prosy Debate by Vehemently Applauding Speakers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The open session of the Senate to-day lasted until 2 p. m. and then the Senate resumed behind closed doors the consideration of the arbitration treaty, spending two and a half hours in the discussion.

The Populist Senator from Nebraska, Mr. Allen, occupied more than an hour in an elaborate argument to prove that Congress is "not possessed of the constitutional power to impose tariff duties on articles of daily consumption for the express and avowed purpose of increasing the private fortunes of one class of citizens at the expense of the masses." He characterized as preposterous the claim that a high tariff raised the price of farm products and was of vast benefit to the farmers.

The resolution embodying the doctrine which he had offered yesterday was, at the close of his speech, referred to the Committee on Finance. Another menace to the tariff measure now pending in the House was sustained in a resolution of the Board of Sheep Commissioners of Montana (presented by Senator Mantle of that State), to the effect that unless the wool growers of the United States received the most ample protection the policy of protection could be no longer maintained.

Mr. Morgan offered a resolution requesting the President to inform the Senate whether letters have been received by the present and former Chief Executives of the United States from Maximo Gomez, the commanding general of the insurrectionary forces in Cuba—as published this morning; also to furnish other information in relation to Cuban affairs.

The letters having been read in full, the resolution and letters were ordered to be printed and laid on the table.

The House amendments to the joint resolution passed yesterday by the Senate, appropriating $250,000 to aid in protecting life and property in the Mississippi flooded district, were concurred in by the Senate, and the joint resolution was sent to the President.

Senator Foraker introduced in the Senate a modified form of the Patterson pooling bill, which permits railroads under certain restriction to pool in the matter of transportation of freights.

At 4.30 the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The weariness of the flesh was manifested to-day in the proceedings of the House in the Committee of the Whole, upon the consideration of the Tariff bill, when members sought to relieve themselves from the tediousness of prosy debate by vehemently applauding the speakers. Mr. Wheeler's request for an evening session was objected to vigorously. Republican opposition to the bill was again shown by a discussion of the question of putting a duty on hides. Mr. Cannon of Illinois, Republican, said he would like to see one imposed, but would vote for the bill as the Committee on Ways and Means approved it. Mr. Hepburn of Iowa, Republican, was more outspoken. He said the value of the hides produced in the United States far exceeded that of wool, which dwindled into insignificance beside it. He appealed to the Committee on Ways and Means to test the sense of the House on the proposition, but Mr. Dingley refused to pursue that course, stating, instead, the reasons why the committee did not recommend a duty.

The day was nearly occupied in disposing of amendments offered by the Committee on Ways and Means, most of which went to perfecting the phraseology, or making classification clearer. An amendment putting books, maps and charts imported for the use of schools, colleges and public libraries, on the free list, was agreed to, also one restoring the McKinley rates on horses and mules.

At 4 o'clock the reading of the bill where the committee left off Saturday last was resumed, and in the last hour of the day four additional pages were passed over, twenty in all.

Mr. Hopkins of Illinois, Republican, a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, assured Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, that if his associates would not unnecessarily delay consideration of the bill, the sugar schedules would be reached in time to be acted upon.

After the committee rose an unavailing effort was made to reach an agreement to extend the limit for debate from 3 to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, the last two hours to be under the rules for general debate.

At 5.10 a motion to adjourn was agreed to, and the effort to reach the agreement will probably be renewed to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

INCENDIARY FIRES

Keep Altoona Police and Firemen Busy.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ALTOONA, PA., March 30.—Five attempts at incendiarism, four of them successful, kept the Altoona firemen and police busy last night. The first blaze was in a stable, next door to No. 1 fire engine house. Prompt work avoided a loss. Within a few minutes the storage sheds of Armour & Co., Nelson, Morriss & Co., meat merchants, were in flames. The most serious fire was at 1.30 o'clock, in the planing mill of William Stoke. The place was gutted, and a large quantity of lumber was consumed. Stoke's loss is $35,000; insurance, $10,000. The total loss by fire is about $40,000. Next morning employes of the Altoona Gas Company discovered men setting fire to a shed near the tanks. The fire bugs escaped. The police have arrested four suspicious characters.

FATAL RESULT OF A FIRE.

Three Persons Slowly Suffocated to Death.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Three persons were killed in a fire in an apartment house at No. 61 West One Hundred and Fifth street this afternoon. They were Miss Ellen Morrissey and a three-year-old boy and his mother, who up to a late hour to-night had not been identified. Escape was cut off by the flames and in the top apartments on the fifth floor they were slowly suffocated to death. The fire started in the basement of the house and burned so quickly that some of the occupants had to be rescued on ladders. The house was damaged to the extent of about $15,000 and the tenants lost about $4,000 worth of property.

At Cincinnati whiskey distillers finished goods were advanced Monday from a basis of $1.17 per gallon to $1.18. This was done without any formal general agreement among producers.

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PEOPLE FLEEING FOR THEIR LIVES.

Live Stock Drowned by Thousands—Houses and Barns Washed Away—Hundreds of People Homeless—Loss of Life—Great Concern Felt for Greenville, Miss.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

GREENVILLE, MISS., March 30.—The levee broke at Mound Landing, Miss., fifteen miles north of this place, at 8 o'clock this morning. Greenville and all the towns west of Deer Creek will be flooded. At Sneed's Landing, near Pertshire, this morning the break is 1,500 feet wide. The entire lower half of Delta will be under water within three days. All able-bodied men have been called out to throw up the levees around the city.

ST. LOUIS, March 30.—A special to the Scripps-McRae Press Association from Baton Rouge, La., says that the break in the levee ten miles below Greenville, Miss., is the worst so far to occur. Thousands of feet of the levees, weakened under the softening by high waters, are melting away like sand. The break last night was 2,000 feet wide and the water is rushing into Mississippi with frightful velocity. The inhabitants are fleeing for their lives, leaving all behind. Cattle, horses and live stock are drowning by the thousands and houses and barns are being washed away like drift wood. It is estimated that fully two thousand people are already homeless and at the mercy of charity. The waters have already reached fifteen miles inland and the destruction of hundreds of more farm houses is inevitable.

Harvey Klemmer and two sons, who attempted to save some stock, had their boat overturned and were drowned. It is also reported that Mrs. John Marshall and a son, who were alone in a little hut two miles from the break, were unable to escape and were drowned.

The historic and famous plantations of Jefferson Davis and his brother Joseph Davis, six miles below Vicksburg, are doomed to become a sea of water and destruction.

Sixty-two miles below Vicksburg is the historic plantation of Gen. Zacariah Taylor. With the threatened rise of three feet it will be a total ruin. The household goods are being removed and the stock driven to places of safety. The little church upon the plantation in which Jeff. Davis was married to Gen. Taylor's daughter is threatened with destruction. The water has surrounded it to the depth of two feet.

CAIRO, ILL., March 30.—The Ohio river fell two-tenths of an inch during the last twenty-four hours, and the gauge now reads 51.8 feet. The reports received from Upper Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland river points show the river is falling, and it is believed the worst is over.

ST. LOUIS, March 30.—The river rose about six inches in the past twenty-four hours at this city. Unless the heavy rain continues for several days, it is not expected that the river will go above the danger line. Word received this afternoon from Alton, Hannibal and Keokuk state that the river is about stationary and no fears of a flood are entertained.

NEW ORLEANS, March 30.—A special to the Daily *States*, dated Helena, Ark., says: The river rose here two and a half inches during the last twenty-four hours. The weather has cleared and is bright and sunshiny, giving a needed breathing spell to the people who are working on the levees.

The Iron Mountain trains have been shut out of Helena, owing to backwater in the St. Francis river having flooded the track across the Languilla river bridge, north of Marianna. Fifty thousand bags, intended for use here in repairing the levees, were thus stopped and trains on the Cotton Belt Railroad are bringing them around to Clarendon. After the severe gale of yesterday evening repairs are being made in the whole line of levees in order to be ready for the bad weather yet to arrive.

A citizen's committee raised $6 000 yesterday and another thousand to-day for the purpose of prosecuting the work. Camp Black, established by the relief committee for the care of the colored refugees, is now a village of nearly two hundred souls. The refugees, both white and black, are not averse to work and yesterday, when the situation was so critical, they went to work with a will. The rescue steamer Maude came up from below at noon and reported the levee below as being in good condition and ready for eighteen inches of more water. Altogether the situation is more reassuring notwithstanding the adverse weather bureau reports.

NEW ORLEANS, March 30.—A special to the *States*, dated Vicksburg, says: The high water record at this place since 1862 was broken this morning, the gauge reaching 49.3. A third crevasse is reported in Mississippi, seven miles above Arkansas City. Its waters added to those crevasses will complete the inundation of the lower Mississippi delta. The break reported at Gaines' Landing, Ark., has not been verified as yet. The Louisiana levees are holding, but Lake Providence reports that the water is running over Pitcher's Point levee for two miles. The break at Gunnison, or Pertshire, just below Australia, which occurred at 5 o'clock yesterday evening, is serious and damaging. At noon to-day it had widened to sixteen hundred feet and was cutting its way fast. It is feared that portions of Greenville will be flooded. A break occurred at 8 o'clock this morning at Mound Landing, Bolivar county, seven miles north of Arkansas City. At 2 p. m. to-day this break had reached a width of eight hundred feet and was widening fast. The water was going through with terrific force. President Maxwell, of the Fifth Louisiana levee district, says to-day that unless unforeseen events occur, the Louisiana levees will hold. Information just received states that the large levee at Homochitto, in Isaquena county, is in a dangerous condition.

JACKSON, MISS., March 30.—From the great Yazoo Mississippi delta comes a wail of distress and "the levees have broken" is heard throughout our valley of the Nile. Three fresh breaks have been reported to-day, and through which immense volumes of water carrying destruction to thousands of happy homes and devastating as fertile a territory as is to be found on the globe. So far no loss of life, except to domestic animals, has been reported, but may be by morning, as the great mounds of earth which protect the flourishing cities of Greenville, Rosedale, Stoneville, Arcola, Friar's Point, Rolling Fork and others are water soaked, mushy and liable to give way at any moment. The four breaks that have occurred have flooded or will flood before reaching the Yazoo, perhaps a week hence, the counties of Bolivar, Washington, Sharkey, Issaquena, Yazoo and portions of others, in which are comprised the best cotton farms in the world. In this overflowed district, the State has leased eight plantations upon which with her good, able-bodied convicts, she was preparing to make another crop of cotton and corn, the latter being in fine condition. The greatest concern is for the city of Greenville, which, situated as she is in the hollow of a crescent formed by the bend of the river and surrounded by it on both sides, would be wiped out of existence should a break occur in the immediate vicinity. The streets of the city are twelve feet below the summit of the level, so that a break once formed there would be no way of stopping the Niagara and every house in the place would be swept from its foundations and the remaining inhabitants hurled into eternity. Fearing such a catastrophe, those who could have migrated to the hills, but thousands still remain. The breaks that occurred to-day are above and below Greenville, fifteen miles below and twenty-five above, so that the water will pass to the rear of the city. The streams in the delta all flow from the river and run down the opposite side of the valley. The topography of the country is level, but sloping east and away from the river for forty miles in some places to the Yazoo, and it is down this stream the overflow water must go to again reach the Mississippi, seventy-five to one hundred miles south of where it has left it. Thousands of people, white and black, still line the levees and are making a desperate effort to hold what remains. It is a life and death struggle, and for this reason there is no rest day or night. The question has been asked to-day, does it pay to maintain this great levee system, and old river farmers declare it does not, that life and business were more certain forty years ago, when no one expected anything but an overflow and prepared for it. Though the Federal Government has been most liberal in appropriations to the levees the planters of the delta have spent millions more in perfecting the present system. Every bale of cotton in this great delta pays a tax of one dollar, which creates a large sum annually for levee purposes. There are doubtless many who after this will be convinced that this one dollar per bale might be more profitably expended. However the crisis is on to-night, and by morning it is probable several other breaks will have occurred. The water is reported higher than ever before known from Memphis to Vicksburg.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Crown Prince Assumes Command of Greek Troops—Russia Refuses to Take Part in Blockade of the Ports of Greece—Warships Bombard Insurgents.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

TRIESTE, March 30.—The Austrian Government has forbidden the exportation of 7,000,000 cartridges which were ordered from an Austrian firm by the Government of Greece.

ATHENS, March 30.—It is reported here this afternoon that Russia has refused to take part in a blockade of the ports of Greece upon the ground that such action would now be too late to be effective in maintaining peace.

LONDON, March 30.—In the House of Commons to-day G. N. Curzon, Under Foreign Secretary, announced that on March 25th, M. Nelidoff, Russian Ambassador at Constantinople, had communicated to his diplomatic colleagues at the Turkish capital copies of a telegram which he had received from the admiral commanding the Russian warships in Cretan waters, urging the appointment of a European governor for the Island of Crete, with full power to act, and also urging the withdrawal of the Turkish troops from the island, as the admirals of the foreign squadrons were of the opinion that such action was necessary. Mr. Curzon said that the Government of Great Britain supported the suggestions made by the Russian admiral, and that the other Powers had the matter under consideration.

CANEA, March 30.—The insurgents to-day attacked the town of Izzedia, which caused the warships to bombard them. Later the place was occupied by a mixed detachment of international troops.

ATHENS, March 30.—Crown Prince Constantine to-day formally assumed the command of the Greek troops in Thessaly. He issued an order to the army, in which he expressed his conviction that at this critical hour, when the fatherland was being weighed in the balance, all would do their duty, be faithful to their oath, exhibit patience and firmness and obey the law and their commanders.

LONDON, March 30.—A dispatch to the *Central News* from Athens, states that a strong force of insurgents to-day attacked the Turkish troops at Spinalonga, Crete. The troops made a desparate defence of their positions, but could not withstand the determined onslaught of the Christians and were finally compelled to retreat. There was heavy fighting throughout the engagement. The dispatch adds that a vessel lying in the harbor of Spinalonga, laden with ammunition and other stores, was captured by the insurgents, who removed the captured supplies to places out of reach of Turks.

CORBETT AND FITZ.

The Ex-Champion Bent on Regaining His Lost Laurels.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Jim Corbett, the ex-champion heavy-weight pugilist of the world, left this city last night with his trainer, McVey, for Salt Lake City, where he is booked to give an exhibition on Wednesday evening. Champion Fitzsimmons will also give an exhibition in Salt Lake City on the same evening, and the sporting people are anxious to see how the fighters will draw. Some small bets were made yesterday that Corbett will attract a larger crowd than the champion. The Californian says that he will try and exhibit in every town and city that his successful opponent will appear in on his journey through the States to New York. Corbett says that he will keep after Fitzsimmons until the champion will afford him another opportunity to either win back his lost laurels or go down a whipped man for the second and last time.

SHIP CAPTAIN ARRESTED

Charged with Withholding Suitable Food from His Crew.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Capt. Reed, of the scurvy-infected clipper ship T. F. Oakes, which was towed into this port on March 20, by the steamer Kasbec, was arrested to-day and arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Shields on a warrant charging him with withholding, without justifiable cause, suitable food from members of the crew of the Oakes and also a large portion of the quantity of food required to be furnished them under their shipping articles. A hearing in the case was set down for a week from to-day, and the captain was released in $1,500 bail.

This afternoon four of the crew of the Oakes were arrested by Deputy United States Marshals and will be held as witnesses against Capt. Reed.

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It makes the weak strong.
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Champion Michael Advises Use of Paine's Celery Compound.

James Michael is the champion long distance bicyclist of the world.

He recommends all wheelmen to take Paine's celery compound.

His experience is that of thousands of others. With the opening of the bicycle season many a young person and hundreds of older people who have determined to take up bicycling as a health-giving exercise find themselves really lacking the proper "snap" or stamina to begin on. Their bodily condition prevents so spirited exercise. They would like to ride, but they are out of sorts, run down by a winter of work or indoor life. Many who are really sick, who have suffered from debility or wasting diseases for a long time until they had begun to think their troubles had become chronic, as nothing gave them relief, would turn to bicycling for relief. But this splendid exercise, like any other, requires strength to undertake. The blood is out of order, the nerves are deranged, and nature's food for both is needed.

All such persons will find to their immense joy that Paine's celery compound, taken now, will make them well.

Paine's celery compound works wonders in the spring. If you have labored under the load of repeated headaches, neuralgic pains and days of nervous debility, now is your best time to get well.

Michael is to-day the most phenomenal rider in professional ranks. As far back as 1894 he was undisputed champion of Great Britain, and in the following year he went to France and scored 25 straight wins against the picked riders of Europe. He has defeated such famous men as Jacquelin, Gougoltz, Huret, Rivierre, Banhours, Bourrillon and Barden of England, and Leyton, the Belgian champion.

He has just returned from Europe and is now ready to join the racing men on the Pacific coast, despite the large amount of work he has gone through during the past months.

Michael has made cycle racing a careful study and is in a position to give excellent advice not only to racing men but to wheelmen and athletes in general. In reference to his own methods the following letter will interest everybody:

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 21, 1897.

After the exertion of my record rides while with the Morgan & Wright team in the south last winter, during which I lost somewhat in weight, on account of the unaccustomed climate, I was advised to use Paine's celery compound. I am pleased to say that it gave such satisfaction that I was impelled to use it again to brace up from the effects of the two unusually rough ocean trips that I have taken during the past month. I believe that wheelmen who have to undergo the hardships of "circuit chasing" will find Paine's celery compound of assistance in keeping up their physical tone. JIMMY MICHAEL.

Every one needs to take a spring remedy to purify their blood, arouse the circulation and counteract the debilitating effect of months of confining work, worry and excitement.

The more intelligent portion of every community are the ones who best recommend Paine's celery compound. They have looked into this great remedy, followed its remarkable achievements in the case of friends, neighbors and relatives, and know just what to expect from its use as a nerve and brain strengthener and restorer and an ideal invigorator for a rundown system.

WOUNDED CUBAN GENERAL.

He Refuses to Answer Questions Regarding the Condition of Affairs in Pinar del Rio Province.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, March 30.—Several reporters went to San Cristobal to-day for the purpose of interviewing Gen. Ruis Rivera, the commander of the insurgents in the province of Pinar del Rio, who was wounded and captured by the forces of Gen. Velasco during an engagement near Cabezadas on Sunday. The reporters found Gen. Rivera, who was confined in the quarters of the Guardia Civil, resting more easily than he did yesterday, his wounds having been attended to by Spanish physicians. He was very reticent regarding the condition of affairs among the insurgents in the province, positively refusing to answer any questions on the subject. He spoke freely enough on other subjects and dwelt at length upon the history of the ten years' war, in which he played a prominent part. One of the interviewers asked him if he did not think it useless to cause so much bloodshed in fighting against the sovereignty of Spain. His face at once became very serious and he replied: "Time will show; history will judge."

Both Gen. Rivera and Col. Baccaloa said that they were thankful for the good treatment they had received since they were captured. Gen. Rivera presented a diamond ring that he wore to the surgeon who was attending him after he was made a prisoner.

A SENSATIONAL SUICIDE

C. N. Rudd Kills Himself at Chattanooga—His Intention of Killing His Wife Foiled by Timely Arrival of Officers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., March 30.—In a fit of temporary insanity, C. N. Rudd, a young man of 29, to-day shot himself through the head, producing instant death. With his young wife he came to this city from Sparta recently and secured a position in an insurance office. The couple quarrelled yesterday for the first time, and on returning home at noon he found a note from Mrs. Rudd saying that she had ceased to love him and had gone to her father's. She was found on board the Nashville train and induced to return, but the affair drove her husband mad. He sent a note to the papers declaring his intention of killing both his wife and himself, but his purpose to commit a double crime was foiled by officers. As they appeared he ran out of the house, and in their presence fired the fatal shot into his brain, falling dead on the porch. Rudd was the son of a prominent physician of Sparta, Tenn.

TWO BANKS ROBBED.

The Thieves Secure $400 From One and $3,000 From the Other.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. LOUIS, March 30.—A special to the Scripps-McRae Press Association from Monmouth, Ill., says that the Bank of Biggsville was robbed by burglars at an early hour this morning. Three explosions broke open the outer vault, but the iron safe in which the money was kept was not opened. The robbers secured but $400. They escaped on a stolen hand-car. Word was received this morning that the Bank of Oneida was also robbed last night and that $3,000 was secured. Two men giving their names as O'Connor and Shevline were arrested at Galesburg this forenoon on suspicion of being the robbers.

The flagship San Francisco, on the European squadron, has reached Alexandratta where she will be joined by the Detroit which reached Port Said yesterday bound for home. The Boston left Amoy yesterday morning for Hong Kong.

DECLARED A DRAW.

The Bout Between Jack Everhardt and "Kid" McPartland.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 30.—After a fierce battle at the Broadway Athletic Club to-night Referee Roche decided the twenty-round bout between Jack Everhardt, of New Orleans, and "Kid" McPartland, of this city, a draw. Everhardt did most of the leading, but McPartland stood him off well.

In the seventeenth the Kid should have got the fight on a technical foul, as one of Everhardt's seconds came into the ring while the men were clinched, but McPartland fouled Jack two or three times by hitting below the belt in the same round.

Notwithstanding the attempt at an injunction by a rival club there was a fair crowd present.

WARM WIRELETS.

Treasury balances: Coin $130,930,398; currency $66 780 863.

The Old Bank of Weymouth, Eng., suspended yesterday, with liabilities of £500,000.

The President yesterday sent to the Senate the following nominations: Frank W. Palmar, of Illinois, to be public printer. Alexander M. Thackara, of Pennsylvania to be consul of the United States at Havre, France.

The sixth ballot yesterday for United States Senator from Kentucky resulted: Hunter 60; Blackburn 43; Davis 13; Boyle 7; Stone 1. There were 124 votes cast, making sixty three necessary to a choice, six pairs being announced.

A cyclone destroyed the town of Chandler, forty miles east of Guthrie, Oklahoma, at 6 o'clock last night. A dozen or more persons were killed and probably one hundred and fifty badly injured.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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For Sale—High-grade Bicycle, good as new, 96 model. Will sell cheap for cash. Address Bicycle, this office. mar 31 3t*

Plants for sale—Tomato, Cabbage, Egg Plant, Parsley, Pepper, Pansy, Tuberoses, Chrysanthemums. Expect a large consignment of young Roses and other plants by Wednesday. If in need of any call at 104 South Front street. W. J. Kirkham. mar 28 1m

Call No. 346 Bell Telephone when in need of Fine Candies manufactured daily. Fresh Fruit received by every steamer. "Jamaica Bananas" a specialty this week. My "Ice Cream" parlor is now open. Andrew Mavronichols, 705 North Fourth street. mar 21 tf

At N. Paul's, 204 Princess street, you can obtain the best of Candy, Fruit, etc., at the lowest price. Ice Cream Parlors open every night, and after June 1st open all night. Call Bell 'Phone 343 and your wants will be supplied. mar 14 1m

Hay—Timothy Hay, mixed Clover Hay, Prairie Hay, Straw, Grain and all kinds of mixed feed for horses and cattle. Jno. S. McEachern, 211 Market St. Telephone 92. mar 13 tf

L. K. Williams, 128 Market street, does first-class Laundry. Many people prefer Chinese laundry to any other. Try him. Shirts 10c, Collars 2c, Cuffs 2c. Satisfaction guaranteed. mar 10 tf

M. C. Benson, No. 5 South Water street, makes a specialty of Beef Cattle, Mutton and Milk Cows. Consignments of country produce solicited. Seven years experience. Give me a trial. mar 6 tf

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DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT—New importation of French, English weaves, from 50c to $1 per yard. The newest weaves for Skirts. "Broken Checks" at 50c per yard.

BLACK GOODS—Storm Serges at 40 and 60c per yard. Plain and Fancy Mohairs, Serges, Nun's Cloth, Broadcloths and Pattern Suits.

WASH GOODS—French Organdies, India Linens, Piques, Dimities, French Nainsooks, Persian Lawn and new Percales.

SILK DEPARTMENT—Pongees, Indias, Japs, Taffetas, Surahs, Bengalines, Satin Duchess. Colored Taffetas for Waist. Black Brocades in India Silk. Gros Grain and Satins, from 50c to $1.50.

FIBERINE—One case of Fiberine for lining at 10c per yard.

KID GLOVES—The best and largest line ever carried in the city comprising all the new Spring shades.

CORSETS—R. & G., Warner's, Glove Fitting, C-B a la Sprite, Royal Worchester, French Wovens, Her Majesty's, Ferris Waists, Nazareth Waists.

UNDERWEAR—For Gentlemen and Ladies. We make a specialty of Children's Underwear.

HOUSE FURNISHING DEPARTMENT—CARPETS—Velvets, Body Brussels, Tapest. Brussels, in 8x10 wire; 3-ply All Wool Ingrains, 2-ply Extra Super Ingrains, Unions, Cotton Chains, Cocoa and Napier Mattings in ¾ and 4-4 widths.

RUGS—Wilton Velvets, Nubias, "Westmoreland" and "Crown" Smyrnas in all sizes, and Danten Jutes.

ART SQUARES—In 2 ply extra super all wool and Danten Jutes.

MATTINGS—200 rolls China and Japanese Mattings just received.

TAPESTRY—Chenille, Damask, Tapestry, and "Bagdad" Portiers. Tapestry Table Covers all sizes.

WINDOW SHADES—All Linen Window Shades at prices that will astonish you.

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Geo. O. Gaylord,

Owner and Manager of Wilmington's Big Racket Store,

Stands out single and alone and offers bargains in Dry Goods of every kind. My business has grown rapidly, and I can only thank the customers of the past, and I can assure my many friends and customers that I have made greater efforts this Spring to please and serve them with big values, honest goods and new styles in Dress Goods. We can please your taste and pocket book.

Wash Silk, 18 inches wide, in pretty colors, for 25c yard; 32 inches wide in blue and white red and white, at 35c.

Black Satin, good quality, at 50c; better and wide, at 75c.

Gros Grain Silk at 69, 75c and $1.00.

Taffeta Silk at $1.19.

Black China Silk, 28 inches wide, for 35c yard.

Dress Goods, 36 inches, double-fold pretty Spring fancies, for 15c.

Nice line Flannelette for 5c, light or dark colors.

Beautiful line Organdies, Wool Challies, Lawns, Cotton Challies, Cheviots, Percales, Ducks, Swisses, all cheap and a very nice selection.

In fine Dress Goods, Plaids, Brilliantines, Worsteds and all the new styles for early Spring wear, from 15 to 50c yd.

Domestic Goods very cheap.

Nice Plaids at 4c yard.

Good Ginghams, pretty checks, at 4c

1 yard White Homespun, nice and smooth, at 4c.

Heavy Augusta Sheeting, 1 yard, at 5c.

Beautiful Sea Island, 1 yard, at 5c.

Best grade of fine Sea Island, 42 inches wide, worth 8c, my special price 6c.

Heavy Drill, very pretty, 42 inches wide, at 8c. Splendid Drill, at 6c.

Palmer Mill Bleaching, 1 yard wide, no dressing, at 6c.

Andresscoggin Bleaching, 1 yard wide, at 6¼c.

Fruit of the Loom, 1 yard wide, at 7c.

10 yard Dress Pattern of best calico for 45c.

Very best feather-proof Bed Ticking at 12½c.

White Lawns, nice and smooth in checks and bars, at 4½c yard; in plain white, from 5 to 35c yard.

Dotted Swiss from 8 to 25c yard.

Percale 5, 8, 10 and 12½c yard.

If you need Dress Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Men's and Ladies' Hats, Underwear, Notions of every kind, Corsets, Laces, Veilings, Umbrellas, Mattings, Window Shades, Lace Curtains, Floor Oilcloth, Rugs, Table Linen, Travelling Trunks, Grips, Valises and Telescopes, and anything else in the Dry Goods line.

I am at 112 North Front street.

Geo. O. Gaylord, Prop.,

Of Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

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Silk and Wool Dress Goods, the latest product of the mills, we have them in the newest designs from 18 to 59c.

The Broken Plaids are just the thing, quite a line of them in 12½, 25, 38 and 50c.

Our Black Goods Department is full of good things. Mohairs, plain and figured; Cashmeres, Henriettas, Driletes and Serges of every kind.

Black Sateens 8 to 25c per yard.

The very best calicoes 5c.

Beautiful Percals at 8, 10 and 12½c.

Good Homespuns at 3, 4, 5 and 6c.

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Dotted Swiss in the newest designs 12, 15, 19c.

Golden Draperies, Scrims at 5, 8 and 10c.

Pretty line of Percalines, Drapery Silks, &c.

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Red Table Cloths 18, 25 and 45c per yard.

Plain White and Red Border at cut prices.

Doylies of every description, 25c to $1.50 per dozen.

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Ladies' Kid Button Shoes 65c.

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Big Bargains in Children Shoes.

Men's Shoes 98c.

Men's $3 Hand-sewed Shoes $1.98.

New Slippers arriving daily.

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Men's $8.50 Suits, 15 styles, $5.00.

All Wool Suits $3.50.

All Wool Clay Worsted Suits $7.50.

Greatest line of Children Suits 75c to $4.50. Prices will astonish you.

All Wool Pants $1, $5 Pants for $3.50.

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A good Sweater for 25c.

Large Collars with Stripes 50c.

$1.50 Sweaters for 98c.

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GEO. SLOAN, Cashier.

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STATEMENT ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of Business March 9th, 1897, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.			LIABILITIES.		
Loans		$560,312 57	Capital		$125,000 00
Overdrafts		2 96	Surplus	$50,000 00	
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)		50,000 00	Undivided profits	15,153 04—	65,153
Banking House and Fixtures		10,0.0 00	Circulation		45,000 00
Due from other Banks	150,975 31		Total Deposits		609,570 24
Cash on hand	73,432 45—	224,407 76			
Total		$844,723 29	Total		$844,723 29

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